



Honor Code Changes Debated, BOV To Vote

By KEVIN BUTLER
Staff Writer

On Friday, Feb. 18, the Board of Visitors for the University of Mary Washington will meet to vote on, among other issues, whether or not to send possible changes to the Honor Code to the students for approval. The changes would include a proposal to eliminate all honor violations on a student's transcript except in cases when the

student is dismissed. Currently, all honor violations are kept permanently on a student's academic transcript. The transcript issue is at the heart of an ongoing debate between the Honor Council and the BOV concerning the overall structure of the honor system at the University.

If the BOV adopts the proposed changes, the Honor Council plans to propose its own set of changes to students. According to Honor Council president and senior Cris Clapp, the Honor

Council will take the recommendations from the BOV "and use those to inform [the students] what we will present as amendments and the Board can't stop that."

Essentially, this means there likely will be three packages for students to pick from, one from the BOV, one from the Honor Council and a third option to keep things exactly as they are, with all honor violations permanently noted.

Should the BOV adopt the package on Feb. 18,

their plan would make only dismissal permanent on the transcript. The Honor Council's plan would likely keep permanent dismissal, suspensions and academic probation on the transcript.

The process of changing the Honor Code constitution is in its infancy according to President Anderson's executive assistant, Ranny

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Students stand in line waiting to purchase textbooks at the bookstore.

Andrew DeCic Bulletin File Photo

Legislature To Consider Textbook Act This Week

By DOREEN CIAVARELLI
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On Jan. 25 Glenn Oder, a delegate from Newport News in the Virginia State Assembly, sponsored the Textbook Market and Fairness Act and Study. If the assembly passes the legislation, public university bookstores across the state will be required to release the list of textbooks professors require for their classes as soon as they receive the list in order to allow students more time to shop around for their books.

Thus far the Textbook Act has passed in the Assembly House and is awaiting a full floor vote in the Senate, while the Textbook Study, passed in the House subcommittee, is awaiting a hearing in the Rules Committee.

"The bill passed in the House last week and is now in the Senate," Craig Smith, legislative assistant to Delegate Oder said. "I think it is extremely probable that it will pass through the Senate, actually as early as this Monday."

Junior Jarred Turner, chairman of the Student Government Association's Legislative Action Committee at the University of Mary Washington is working to gain support for the bills on campus. Turner said his efforts have included sending campus wide e-mails with a link to a petition supporting the bills' passage and hanging posters around campus. Over 5,290 students from public colleges and universities around the state have signed the petition for fairer textbook prices to date.

"If it passes, the public universities in the state will have to post your books list a certain amount of time in advance," Turner said. "This enables the students to go online to purchase their books where it is cheaper."

The cost of educational books in the past 20 years has increased 4.5 times the rate of inflation or 238 percent according to the Chronicle of Higher Education. According to Virginia 21, an advocacy

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Facilities Service Staff Member Dies

By ANDREW HALL
Associate Editor

Mark Nolan Carter, a University of Mary Washington employee, died Sunday morning in an automobile accident on U.S. 1 near Massaponax in Spotsylvania County, according to the Free Lance-Star.

Carter, 45, ran his Mazda B-2600 off the side of the road, went airborne and collided with a tree.

Carter was not wearing a seat belt and was pronounced dead before 8 a.m., about 30 minutes after the accident. Carter, a resident of the Woodford community in Caroline County for about 25 years, worked as a mechanic at the university's physical plant for five years, according to the Free Lance-Star.

Don Demers, Carter's best friend and

university co-worker, had known Carter ever since grade school.

"I met him when I was about 13 years old," Demers said. "We were like brothers."

Carter's son, Nils Carter, said his father did everything he could in life. When life required Mark to be serious, he buckled down. When the going was easy, Mark had no problem being lighthearted.

"Friends meant practically everything to him, as well as family," Nils said.

Nils said his father was an avid hunter and fisher. He frequented the Rappahannock River, Fort A.P. Hill, Lake Anna and Motts Run. He hunted deer and turkey and in his younger days, Mark was skateboarder and surfer. More

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Cell Phone Use Is Harmful

By BETSY CRUMB
News Editor Emeritus

University of Mary Washington junior Sarah Podd said she uses her cellular phone approximately five out of seven days a week, the length of calls varying from day to day.

Little did Podd know that a new study done at the Institute of Environmental Medicine at the Karolinska Institute in Stockholm found that if a cellular phone is used for a decade or more, the eye quadruples the risk of getting acoustic neuroma—a non-cancerous tumor—on the side of the head that the phone is most frequently used on.

"Well, if it's just one side of the head, and it's after a whole decade, then I guess the quick and easy fix would be to switch sides all the time, right?" Podd, who has had a cell phone for about a year and a half, said. "I mean, I just have more to talk to my mom on the right side and my dad on the left side, and switch sides every time I talk to friends, then I should be set for a lot

longer than a decade."

Mary Washington students seem to have a rather large stake on the new study, which has been reported throughout the world, by such television networks as ABC, CBS, and CNN; as well as Newsweek, BBC, and The Boston Herald.

Junior Mary Beth Baylor has been using her cell phone since she was 16.

"I wouldn't say this study worries me, because I think I use my phone moderately enough that it shouldn't matter, and most likely I have a better chance of getting in a car accident than getting cancer from my cell phone," Baylor said. "I tend not to be a big worrier, unless the results are extremely concerning."

According to Anna Persson, public relations officer for the Institute of Environmental Medicine, as of right now, no data indicates that there is an increased risk of getting a tumor for people who have used a cellular phone for less than 10 years.

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Vassar College graduate, Raquib Jamal, is a volunteer in Ghana. UMW now ranks high in Peace Corps volunteers.

UMW Alumni Rank Seventh Among Small College Peace Corps Volunteers

By ADINA YOUNG
Staff Writer

Last year, the University of Mary Washington had 18 alumni serving in the Peace Corps. This year, there are 23 alumni in the Peace Corps, making the University No. 7 on the Peace Corps' top colleges list.

On January 24, 2005, the Peace Corps press office announced that UMW had jumped 13 spots from 20 to 7 on the small schools list for the number of alumni currently serving in the organization.

The news does not surprise Gary

Johnson, director of career services.

"[There are] fairly large numbers of students interested in the Peace Corps, considering our size, year after year after year," Johnson said.

Small colleges are those with less than 5,000 students. The schools at the top of the list include: Wesleyan University at No. 6 with 24 alumni, Middlebury College at No. 5 with 25, University of Denver at No. 4 with 28, University of Puget Sound at No. 3 with 30, Dartmouth College at No. 2 with 33, and the University of Chicago at No. 1 with 39.

According to the Peace Corps press

release, several other schools took big leaps this year as well. Boston University's 63 alumni moved the school up eight spots to No. 11 on the large schools list and Brown University's 38 alumni moved it up six spots to No. 11 on the medium schools list.

According to Johnson, whose office arranges for the Peace Corps to visit the campus, representatives come every year and sometimes twice a year.

"They continue to come back because we continue to have students

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5 Day Forecast



TODAY
Rain/Now

High: 41
Low: 25



FRIDAY
Partly cloudy

High: 45
Low: 26



SATURDAY
Mostly Sunny

High: 51
Low: 28



SUNDAY
Partly Cloudy

High: 48
Low: 36



MONDAY
Showers

High: 55
Low: 34

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Textbook Bill Could Lower Book Costs For Students

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organization for young people, college students currently pay an average of \$817 per semester for textbooks and supplies.

"The Textbook Market and Fairness Act" Study sponsored by Delegate Glenn Oder, brings the protections of the free market to students and families in higher education by ending artificial bookstore monopolies and preventing kickbacks from some unscrupulous publishers," according to the Virginia 21 website.

A study by Virginia 21 examining seven Virginia public universities showed that students save on average thirty two percent if they buy their books from online sources as opposed to at their campus bookstore.

A report by the Chronicle of Higher Education concluded that some textbook publishers offer bonuses and research grants to professors who require their books for classes. This gives professors personal financial incentives to require their students to purchase higher-cost textbooks regardless of the quality of alternate texts.

"Textbooks costs are out of control at hundreds of dollars per semester for the average student," Jesse Ferguson, executive director of Virginia 21 said. "The fact is that seeing it in black and white is costing too much green."

Kathy Underwood, the textbook manager at the University of Mary Washington bookstore, in an email to all students, said bookstore employees are doing everything in their power to help reduce prices by increasing the number of used books sold to

students. According to Underwood students save an average of 75 percent if they buy used books. These books are usually readily available about a month before classes start.

"Sometimes, orders will change because things will be on back order, out of print, or out of stock at the publisher, so there's a whole array of reasons why they might change," Underwood said. "But what books we do have are out there about a month ahead."

If the bills are approved, however, its effects might not be felt at the UMW bookstore.

"Well, it depends on the provisions and what parts would be required," Underwood said. "It could be the professors required to list it on the syllabus online for the class..."

Even though the Bookstore is trying to reduce student expenses, many students are frustrated with the cost of textbooks and would like to see a change.

"My personal favorite was the semester when I spent over \$730 on books and definitely didn't get more than \$50 back," said senior Mary Osing.

According to senior Noelle Sarris she believes the bills would help alleviate pressure from students who are financially independent.

"I think that it would definitely be helpful if the bill passed, especially if students are responsible for buying their own books without [parental] support," Sarris said. "It will allow them to save and give them a ball park figure to aim for. I also think that it will help students assess whether or not they may need to drop a course, if a particular class is demanding eight books, at \$30 each."

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recently, Mark enjoyed skiing, snowboarding, and other extreme sports.

Mark struggled with epilepsy his entire life.

"He was stubborn as hell, but we all respected him for it," Nils said.

Initially, Nils found it difficult to come to grips with the reality that his vigorous father had met his end, but when he heard about the seriousness of the accident, he began to think about his father's mortality.

"I got an umption that he might not make it out of this one," he said.

He burst into tears when he saw his father in the funeral home.

"At that point, I said, 'Good fishing, Dad,'" Nils said.

On Tuesday, Carter's white time card still sat in the



Courtesy Nils Carter

rack with his co-workers' cards at the physical plant, waiting for Carter to return and punch in. A co-worker described Carter as a well-liked man and a hard worker.

"He loved to fish more than any person I'd ever known," the co-worker said. "He wasn't into tall tales, he had the pictures to prove it."

Carter was born in 1959 in Lexington, Ky., said Nils. He lived most of his life in Corpus Christi, Texas before joining the Navy at age 17. While in the Navy, he served as a boiler technician aboard the USS Mount Whitney. His service allowed him to travel the world and he especially enjoyed the time he spent in Italy.

Mark's greatest professional accomplishment was installing heating and air conditioning systems in Chestnut Valley, a Civil War-era house in Caroline, Nils said. He installed all the systems by himself.

UMW Ranked Number Seven Among "Small Colleges" For Peace Corps

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interested in the Peace Corps," Johnson said.

Brinna Fischer, a 26-year-old graduate of Hamline University in St. Paul, served as a Peace Corps volunteer in West Africa from 2001-2002. She is currently the Regional Recruiter in the office located in Arlington.

Fischer has been visiting Mary Washington since she has been a recruiter. She is always pleased with the interest level as well as the quality of students at the University.

"There were about 15 to 20 people in the information session on February 1 (2005)," said Fischer. "We have been really impressed with the caliber of students from UMW and their activeness as volunteers."

Noah Hoffman, a 22-year-old graduate student in the education department, is one of the students who have been nominated by Fischer this year. He is going to central Asia on Aug. 14 and is very enthusiastic about it.

"I've always wanted to help people," Hoffman said. "This is one of the best ways I can do it in another country."

Austin Merrill, 26, of New York, is a 1991 graduate history major of UMW. Even though he did no volunteer work as a student at the University, he still opted to join the Peace Corps from 1995-1997, in the Ivory Coast of West Africa.

"I'd been out of college for a few years and wanted a new challenge," Merrill said. "So I decided to apply."

When Merrill was a volunteer, he was a water and sanitation engineer. He also led sessions at a local elementary school.

"I taught kids about the importance of drinking clean water, washing your hands after using the bathroom, etcetera," said Merrill. "My main project was the construction of 25 public latrines, scattered about the town."

Alice Rabson, professor emeritus of psychology at the University decided to go into

the Peace Corps after she retired in 1985.

"When I was at UMW, I helped recruit for the Peace Corps," Rabson said. "So when I decided to join the Peace Corps, the [recruiter] told me that I had a 100 percent chance of getting in."

Rabson said she has always been an activist, taking part in protests for desegregation of blacks, for example.

When she was in the Peace Corps she went to the Marshall Islands near Guam from 1986 to 1987 and was mainly concerned with the mental health and high suicide rate on the island.

"The suicide rate for boys age 13 to 19 was the highest in the world at that time," Rabson said. "So I went along with a priest and talked with young men and asked them questions about suicide and reported them back to the president [Amata Kabua]... We also set up a day program where people with mental or physical health issues could come and get help."

According to the Peace Corps' Web site, President Kennedy established the organization on March 1, 1961 by an order to promote world peace and friendship; since then there have been 178,000 volunteers and trainees with a total of 138 countries served.

According to the Peace Corps Web site, volunteers for the 27 months of training and service must be citizens of the United States and at least 18 years old.

Knowledge of a foreign language is not a prerequisite and receiving a four-year college degree will help chances of acceptance, though it is not absolutely necessary. For some programs work experience, relevant skills, and/or a community college degree can qualify candidates.

A recruiter from the Peace Corps will be at the UMW Career Fair on February 23, 2005, from 11-3pm in the Great Hall. Fischer will be on campus again on Tuesday, March 8 to hold another information session on serving in the Peace Corps.



Honor Code Changes Debated

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Corbin. A sub-committee was formed in June 2004 for a "friendly review" of the Honor Council constitution to make sure it is functioning properly.

The subcommittee made sure that the Honor Council constitution was reviewed by a subcommittee. "As part of the review, we had a public hearing order," said Professor of Psychology, Christine. "The last time the constitution was reviewed was 1989, and it didn't take into account where things had changed since then."

Although the subcommittee is likely to be the most controversial of the proposals to update the constitution. Many of the changes are minor and are merely cosmetic, according to the recommendations of the subcommittee. The University to be responsible for managing the Honor Council. This is designed to increase the level of faculty involvement within the Honor Council.

Community service as a punishment would have broader jurisdiction. This is the sanction used most by the Honor Council. Community service would be eligible for any crime whereas currently it is only usable in crimes against the community.

The logic behind leaving only dismissal on the transcripts, according to Dr. Bernard Chirico, "is if someone is dismissed from the college, something should be put on their transcript. If you're allowing a student to remain at the University, or if they are allowed to come back, why would you continue to punish them?"

Some on the Honor Council see the issue very differently. "I would say that most people on the Honor Council would like to see academic probation, suspension and dismissal stay on the transcript," Clapp said. "I think that there is this feeling that 18 to 22-year-olds don't have the cognitive ability to understand what it will be like to have something on the permanent record 20 years from now."

Members of the Honor Council opposed to the changes feel they are on the side of the students, and to some degree they are. A survey taken last semester of 402 students showed clear majorities in favor of keeping both permanent dismissal (90.2 percent) and suspension (84 percent) on the permanent transcript. A slight majority of 56.7 percent of the students surveyed are in favor of keeping academic probation permanently on the record. Over 75 percent of students are opposed to having social probation and community service stay on the record.

"The administration wants cut-and-dried, black and white penalties," said vice president of the Honor Council, Jeremy Potter who supports keeping suspension and dismissal on the transcripts. He thinks that because punishments will not be permanently on the transcripts, the school is theoretically less liable for law suits and complaints from students.

The problem with the current system, according to those who want to change it, is that violations do too much harm to a student's career opportunities after college.

"The BOV has received letters from former students concerned about how honor violations have affected their future," said Kim Luger, who is chairwoman of the subcommittee. "They have found that with these honor violations on their transcript (which does not indicate that the

violations were nonacademic), they cannot get into graduate school or obtain certain jobs."

Additionally, a student may not sit for the American Bar Association or become a Certified Public Accountant.

But, according to another Honor Council member and junior Kevin Diana, lessening the punishment will undermine the honor system and the University's reputation.

While some of the changes will not say they are the other changes will determine the system for how to take the code very seriously. The code is what the changes are to do, and it's not fair to equal out among students who are changing the transcript will have for the honor system. "I don't think it would not lose respect, 41.5 percent of the students or all the rest for the honor system," according to the survey released by the subcommittee.

There is disagreement between honor council members. "The BOV is a subcommittee that has a role in the honor system," said a student involved in the honor system. "I was part of the BOV in 2004, and I feel that the BOV is a change with the time."

There is disagreement between honor council members.

"If you cheat on a final, you don't deserve to be in the class. If you plagiarize in-class assignment, that's a problem," said junior and council member Jay Clapp.

Clapp has a point about how he wants the honor system to be, to be Jerdonek used the analogy of a shield and a sword. He said the honor system should not be designed to inflict only punishment, but also to educate and rehabilitate students.

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Some of the young people make mistakes was a "friendly review" of the honor system. "The honor system is a good thing, but it's not perfect," Clapp said. "The honor system is a good thing, but it's not perfect," Clapp said. "The honor system is a good thing, but it's not perfect," Clapp said.

Ultimately, the students will vote and decide on the matter. Since the Honor Council is a student-run institution. However, it is the BOV and not the students who are initiating this process under review. Being called a "periodic friendly review" of the BOV. The faculty at Mary Washington will be affected a lot by these changes as well as the students because the proposed changes to the Honor System would affect whether or not faculty members choose to bring a particular student to the honor council.

But when asked to comment on faculty input, the Barra did not know how to really input at this time. "When asked if the Barra were aware of the proposed changes, Barra responded, 'Probably not.'"

One thing both sides have in common is a professed need to involve the students.

"We just want students to be able to pick what goes on and off the transcript," Clapp said. Besides the survey, individual members of the Honor Council have also set up tables near the Eagles Nest as part of an education campaign to increase awareness of this issue and to make their personal case on this issue.

Without faculty representation, "those who vote this forward can only say that they think this is good," says Clapp.

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Editorial Again, Apathy?

Our community is falling apart. Student apathy continues to infect our community blood at Mary Washington. It isn't just about a lack of students at campus-wide events, the struggle for leadership on campus, or the low voter turnout at elections.

Student apathy has deeper seeds within our community. Our personal relationships here on campus are waning. iPod ear buds disconnect ourselves from the greater population, while motorists pass walkers without the faintest sign of a wave. What we as a university fail to realize is that personal relationships are the foundation upon which a community is built. As Robert Putnam stated in his book, "Bowling Alone: The Collapse and Revival of American Community," "Social bonds . . . are by far the most powerful predictor of life satisfaction."

Sociologists and urban studies academics have used the buzz-word "Social capital" to refer to the "feeling of community" and the social bonds an area possesses. While not as easy to measure as physical capital or financial capital, social capital tries to objectively measure the feeling a community gives off. The symptoms of declining social capital reach far beyond the apathy of voter turnout and extend into the realms of bowling leagues and card-playing clubs. Student apathy is a sign of declining social capital.

Why is this important to us at Mary Washington?

The civic disengagement apparent within our institution cannot be changed merely by urging students to be "more involved" on campus or asking students to vote in the SGA elections. Apathy can only be solved if our community chooses to strengthen the bonds amongst the members of our university family. Inclusion—not exclusion, selflessness—not selfishness should run in our frame of consciousness.

And not the fake kind, either.

Do we really know all the people on our buddy lists? How about the people on our Facebook friends list? Building relationships means saying hello to the person you don't know—the guy on the bench in front of GW, the server at Seacobeck, or the convenience store clerk. Share a meal with your apartmentmates every week. Share your notes with your classmates. Say hello to the people you pass everyday.

Don't take him! He's got such an obnoxious laugh!!



Students rate Professor SpongeBob

Cartoon by Sara Nowati

PHYLUM PORIFERA

Take Professor SpongeBob... hot tamale!!

Rate That TV Star

Television Character Receives High Marks At Ratemyprofessors.com

This letter was written in response to "Students Rate Professors On-Line" (Feb. 3, 2005, *The Bulletin*.)

Dear Editor:

As I read the Feb. 3 *Bulletin* article regarding the Web site where students may rate their professors, I was surprised to see that the author of the article identified Art Vandelay as among the University of Mary Washington faculty who received an overall rating of 5.0.

I wondered whether Art received that perfect score for his course in architecture in

the department of historic preservation or his business department class on import/export practices.

Perhaps fact checking has gone out of style, but even a brief perusal of the University Web site, or even a call to the Human Resources office, would have confirmed that we have no professor by that name. Art Vandelay is however, well known to legions of Seinfeld fans as the alter ego of the character George Costanza.

Although not yet rising to Olympic competition level, it has become a popular sport in recent years to insert the Vandelay

name into various public documents. Art even had a mention in the class notes section of the University of Mary Washington alumni magazine.

Unwittingly, the article provided an excellent lesson regarding the true value that ought to be attached to anonymous, Web based information. Now I'll check how Dr. Spongebob was rated for his course in marine biology.

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Our Honor At Stake

By KEVIN DIANA
Guest Columnist

According to national statistics over the past decade and a half, the average percentage of cheating, plagiarism and forgery among high school and college students has risen by leaps and bounds. A survey taken back in 1969 found that 58.3 percent of high school students let someone else copy their work and that number soared to 97.5 percent in 1989.

A survey done by The Center for Academic Integrity found that 80 percent of college students have cheated at some point during their undergraduate career.

In 2000, Gallup took a poll of Americans to find out what are the biggest problems facing America today.

The top two were education and a decline in ethics. Both were ranked over crime, poverty, drugs, taxes, guns, the environment and racism.

So what's the point?

Cheating is on the rise in the rest of America and especially undergraduate

colleges and universities, yet the Mary Washington Board of Visitors (BOV) is trying to initiate drastic changes in the Honor System.

The Mary Washington community should embrace the unique system we have and take pride in knowing that we have chosen to live under a code of ethics. Instead, the BOV feels that changes are necessary because the "times are changing."

Ultimately, the students are the ones who have to abide by the code and these changes affect them directly.

As of now, the BOV plans to propose one large amendment to the student body. This amendment is essentially eight different amendments that should be broken down and itemized to allow students the opportunity to vote in favor or against different sections as they see fit.

Currently, the amendment will be voted on all-or-nothing.

This undermines the Honor System because it is hailed for being a student-run system; therefore, students should have an

option to choose.

In making its recommendations, the BOV subcommittee to the Honor Council never called in any students, alumni or faculty to get their perspective on the situation.

The last time there was major constitutional reform to the Honor System was back in 1990. A panel of students, Honor Council members, alumni, faculty and staff, administration and BOV members was assembled to discuss constitutional issues and the group came to a consensus on what changes needed to be made. Doing it this way ensured that all parties were content with the decisions made.

We, as students of the University of Mary Washington, live under the Honor System, therefore we should have a say in the future of it.

Talk to an Honor Council representative about how you can help. Join the Orange Ribbon Campaign in support of the right to choose.

Kevin Diana is a junior.

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Initially, Nils found it difficult to come to grips with the reality that his vigorous father had met his end, but when he heard about the seriousness of the accident, he began to think about his father's mortality.

"I got an unspoken that he might not make it out of this one," he said.

He burst into tears when he saw his father in the funeral home.

"At that point, I said, 'Good fishing, Dad,'" Nils said.

On Tuesday, Carter's white time card still sat in the

rack with his co-workers' cards at the physical plant, waiting for Carter to return and punch in. A co-worker described Carter as a well-liked man and a hard worker.



"He loved to fish more than any person I'd ever known," the co-worker said. "He wasn't into tall tales, he had the pictures to prove it."

Carter was born in 1959 in Lexington, Ky., said Nils. He lived most of his life in Corpus Christi, Texas before joining the Navy at age 17. While in the Navy, he served as a boiler technician aboard the USS Mount Whitney. His service allowed him to travel the world and he especially enjoyed the time he spent in Italy.

Mark's greatest professional accomplishment was installing heating and air conditioning systems in Chestnut Valley, a Civil War-era house in Caroline, Nils said. He installed all the systems by himself.

UMW Ranked Number Seven Among "Small Colleges" For Peace Corps

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interested in the Peace Corps," Johnson said. Brianna Fischer, a 26-year-old graduate of Hamline University in St. Paul, served as a Peace Corps volunteer in West Africa from 2001-2002. She is currently the Regional Recruiter in the office located in Arlington.

Fischer has been visiting Mary Washington since she has been a recruiter. She is always pleased with the interest level as well as the quality of students at the University.

"There were about 15 to 20 people in the information session on February 1 [2005]," said Fischer. "We have been really impressed with the caliber of students from UMW and their activeness as volunteers."

Noah Hoffman, a 22-year-old graduate student in the education department, is one of the students who have been nominated by Fischer this year. He is going to central Asia on Aug. 14 and is very enthusiastic about it.

"I've always wanted to help people," Hoffman said. "This is one of the few ways I can do it in another country."

Austin Merrill, 36, of New York, is a 1991 graduate and a major of UMW. Even though he did no volunteer work as a student at the University, he still opted to join the Peace Corps from 1995-1997, in the Ivory Coast of West Africa.

"I'd been out of college for a few years and wanted a new challenge," Merrill said. "So I decided to apply."

When Merrill was a volunteer, he was a water and sanitation engineer. He also led sessions at a local elementary school.

"I taught kids about the importance of drinking clean water, washing your hands after using the bathroom, etcetera," said Merrill. "My main project was the construction of 25 public latrines, scattered about the town."

Alice Rabson, professor emerita of psychology at the University decided to go into



the Peace Corps after she retired in 1985.

"When I was at UMW, I helped recruit for the Peace Corps," Rabson said. "So when I decided to join the Peace Corps, the [recruiter] told me that I had a 100 percent chance of getting in."

Rabson said she has always been an activist, taking part in protests for desegregation of blacks, for example.

When she was in the Peace Corps she went to the Marshall Islands near Guam from 1986 to 1987 and was mainly concerned with the mental health and high suicide rate on the island.

"The suicide rate for boys age 13 to 19 was the highest in the world at that time," Rabson said. "So I went along with a priest and talked with young men and asked them questions about suicide and reported them back to the president [Amata Kabua]. We also set up a day program where people with mental or physical health issues could come and get help."

According to the Peace Corps' Web site, President Kennedy established the organization on March 1, 1961 by an order to promote world peace and friendship; since then there have been 178,000 volunteers and trainees with a total of 138 countries served.

According to the Peace Corps' Web site, volunteers for the 27 months of training and service must be citizens of the United States and at least 18 years old. Knowledge of a foreign language is not a prerequisite and receiving a four-year college degree will help chances of acceptance, though it is not absolutely necessary. For some programs work experience, relevant skills, and a community college degree can qualify candidates.

A recruiter from the Peace Corps will be at the UMW Career Fair on February 23, 2005, from 11-3pm in the Great Hall. Fischer will be on campus again on Tuesday, March 8 to hold another information session on serving in the Peace Corps.

Textbook Bill Could Lower Book Costs For Students

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organization for young people, college students currently pay an average of \$817 per semester for textbooks and supplies.

"The Textbook Market and Fairness Act and Study sponsored by Delegate Glenn Oder, brings the protections of the free market to students and families in higher education by ending artificial bookstore monopolies and preventing kickbacks from some unscrupulous publishers," according to the Virginia 21 website.

A study by Virginia 21 examining seven Virginia public universities showed that students save on average thirty two percent if they buy their books from online sources as opposed to at their campus bookstore.

A report by the Chronicle of Higher Education concluded that some textbook publishers offer bonuses and research grants to professors who require their books for classes. This gives professors personal financial incentives to require their students to purchase higher-cost textbooks regardless of the quality of alternate texts.

"Textbooks costs are out of control at hundreds of dollars per semester for the average student," Jesse Ferguson, executive director of Virginia 21 said. "The fact is that seeing it in black and white is costing too much green."

Kathy Underwood, the textbook manager at the University of Mary Washington bookstore, in an email to all students, said bookstore employees are doing everything in their power to help reduce prices by increasing the number of used books sold to

students. According to Underwood students save an average of 75 percent if they buy used books. These books are usually readily available about a month before classes start.

"Sometimes, orders will change because things will be on back order, out of print, or out of stock at the publisher, so there's a whole array of reasons why they might change," Underwood said. "But what books we do have are out there about a month ahead."

If the bills are approved, however, its effects might not be felt at the UMW bookstore.

"Well, it depends on the provisions and what parts would be required," Underwood said. "It could be the professors required to list it on the syllabus online for the class..."

Even though the Bookstore is trying to reduce student expenses, many students are frustrated with the cost of textbooks and would like to see a change.

"My personal favorite was the semester when I spent over \$730 on books and definitely didn't get more than \$50 back," said senior Mary Using.

According to senior Noelle Sarris she believes the bills would help alleviate pressure from students who are financially independent.

"I think that it would definitely be helpful if the bill passed, especially if students are responsible for buying their own books without [parental] support," Sarris said. "It will allow them to save and give them a ball park figure to aim for. I also think that it will help students assess whether or not they may need to drop a course, if a particular class is demanding eight books, at \$30 each."

Honor Code Changes Debated

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Corbin. A sub-committee was formed in June 2004 for a "friendly review" of the Honor Council constitution to make sure it is functioning properly.

The sub-committee feels that the Honor constitution is outdated.

"As you know, every system needs review periodically to keep it in good working order," said Rector of the BOV, Monty Albertaine. "The last time this particular system was reviewed was 1989, and quite frankly there, were hints that it was time to take a look again."

Although the transcript issue is likely to be the most contentious, there are other proposals to update the Honor Council's constitution. Many of the changes involve the same change and are merely cosmetic. According to the recommendations, one of the faculty advisors will be appointed by the president of the University to be responsible for coordinating meetings with the president of the Honor Council. This is designed to increase the level of faculty involvement within the Honor Council.

Community service as a punishment would have broader jurisdiction. This is the sanction used most by the Honor Council. Community service would be eligible for any crime whereas currently it is only usable in crimes against the community.

The logic behind leaving only dismissal on the transcripts, according to Dr. Bernard Churico, "is if someone is dismissed from the college, something should be put on their transcript. If you're allowing a student to remain at the University, or if they are allowed to come back, why would you continue to punish them?"

Some on the Honor Council see the issue very differently. "I would say that most people on the Honor Council would like to see academic probation, suspension and dismissal stay on the transcript," Clapp said. "I think that there is this feeling that 18 to 22-year-olds don't have the cognitive ability to understand what it will be like to have something on the permanent record 20 years from now."

Members of the Honor Council opposed to the changes feel they are on the side of the students, and to some degree they are. A survey taken last semester of 402 students showed clear majorities in favor of keeping both permanent dismissal (90.2 percent) and suspension (84 percent) on the permanent transcript. A slight majority of 56.7 percent of the students surveyed are in favor of keeping academic probation permanently on the record. Over 75 percent of students are opposed to having social probation and community service stay on the record.

"The administration wants cut-and-dried, black and white penalties," said vice president of the Honor Council, Jeremy Potter who supports keeping suspension and dismissal on the transcripts. He thinks that because punishments will not be permanently on the transcripts, the school is theoretically less liable for law suits and complaints from students.

The problem with the current system, according to those who want to change it, is that violations do too much harm to a student's career opportunities after college.

"The BOV has received letters from former students concerned about how honor violations have affected their future," said Kim Luger, who is chairwoman of the subcommittee. "They have found that with these honor violations on their transcript (which does not indicate that the

violations were nonacademic), they cannot get into graduate school or obtain certain jobs."

Additionally, a student may not sit for the American Bar Association or become a Certified Public Accountant.

But, according to another Honor Council member and junior Kevin Diana, lessening the punishment will undermine the honor system which got away with life at Mary Washington.

While those in favor of some changes will not say that they think the changes undermine the system, for those who take the code very seriously that is exactly what these changes propose to do. There is a fairly equal split among the students over how changing the transcript will affect the respect they have for the honor system. While 43.2 percent would not lose respect, 41.5 percent would lose some or all respect for the honor system according to the survey released by the Honor Council.

Diana also feels that lawsuits play a role in this. The school was sued for a case involving the Honor Council a few years ago as was the University of Virginia. He feels that the BOV wants to "change with the time."

There is disagreement between honor council members.

"If you cheat on a final, you don't deserve to be here. If you plagiarize in an in-class assignment, that's a 12+ up," said junior and council member Jay Jerdonek.

To make his point about how he wants the honor constitution to be, Jerdonek used the analogy of a shield and a sword. He said the honor council should not be designed to inflict only pain and punishment, but also to educate and rehabilitate students.

The fact that young people make mistakes was a rationale for many who support the changes.

The interim dean of faculty, Dr. Rosemary Barra thinks the changes will help students who face charges because many of the changes now will be an educational component to the punishment. According to Barra, UMW is the only institution in Virginia that keeps all of this information on the record, even the Judicial Review Board does not note violations on the transcripts.

Ultimately, the students will vote and decide on this matter because the Honor Council is a student-run institution. However, it is the BOV and not the students who are initiating this process under what is being called a "periodic friendly review" by the BOV. The faculty at Mary Washington will be affected as much by these changes as the students because the proposed changes to the Honor System would affect whether or not faculty members choose to bring a particular student up on honor charges.

But when asked to comment on faculty input, the Barra did not know of any real faculty input at this time. "When asked if the faculty were aware of the proposed changes, Barra responded, 'Probably not'."

One thing both sides have in common is a proposed need to involve the students.

"We just want students to be able to pick what goes on and off the transcript," Clapp said. Besides the survey, individual Honor Council have also set up tables near the Eagles Nest as part of an education campaign to increase awareness of this issue and to make their personal case on this issue.

Without faculty representation, "those who vote this forward can only say that they think this is good," says Clapp.

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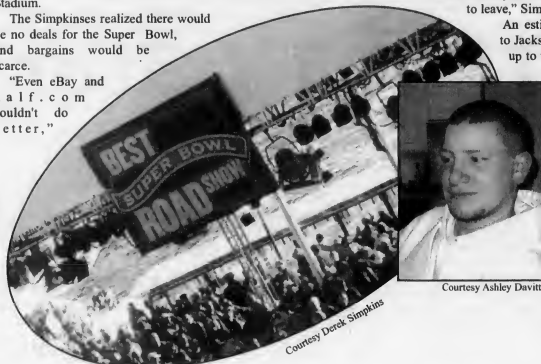
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Senior Derek Simpkins (inset) caught a live taping of "The Best Damn Sports Show Period" while in Jacksonville for the Super Bowl.

Snapshot Of A Professor

By **COREY BYERS**
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Colleagues and students are remembering the impact Dr. Bill Hanson, associate professor of sociology and anthropology, made on the University of Mary Washington as well as the Fredericksburg community.

He taught at the university from 1981 to 2004. He passed away on Jan. 31 after suffering from a rare lung disease, idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis, for which he received a lung transplant in 1996.

When his colleagues and students were asked what was unique about Hanson, the same characteristics were repeatedly used to describe his persona. Hanson was influential, humorous and persistent.

Dr. Joan Olson, associate professor of sociology and anthropology, said as part of one of his courses, students were not assigned a specific topic but were required to get involved in working with a social issue as part of an academic project.

"As I understand it... some students picked the issue of the living wage and started working on living wage campaigns," Olson said. "Early on... he always had students doing active kinds

of assignments where you would be going into the community and observing or interviewing people... that's not activism for change but it was very much getting students to get out there in the community."

At one time Hanson served as a member of the board of directors for the Fredericksburg Area Food Bank. Fred Jerman, an employee of the food bank, said Hanson's students not only worked there for academic credit, but volunteered there as well.

"[People] miss that the hidden secret in our communities is hunger," Jerman said. "He pointed that out to students so they could see that."

Jerman went on to say that several interns who served at the food bank under Hanson's advising subsequently went on to graduate schools for their master's degrees in the social sciences.

Olson also recalls Hanson's sense of humor. She said he had a matching hat and tie he wore periodically. The hat resembled the face of a pig while the tie was adorned with smaller faces of pigs.

"He had a silly side, a fun side... he wasn't afraid to be silly in class," Olson said.

Sophomore Tempa Klingores took a course

entitled Civil Rights in the New Millennium with Hanson.

"His humor was more controversial... [he was] the definition of what a sociology professor should be," she said. "He talked about controversial things and did not worry about people's feelings... he wanted you to know the truth."

Dr. David Cain, Distinguished professor of classics, philosophy and religion, attested to Hanson's persistence.

He said Hanson was involved in an approximately eight year collaborative process to establish a religion and sociology scholarship on campus. The scholarship, which is awarded to a rising senior, alternates between the two academic departments from year to year.

"He combined two qualities which I think aren't very often found together... when they come together you have something very special indeed, that how Bill was, a sweet and caring man," Cain said. "One quality is tenacity, persistence. When he believed something was right he was willing to risk himself and could not be dissuaded. That was accompanied with a genial, good nature, even humor... Bill combined the two and the combination was charming."



Courtesy Mark Olson

Professor Bill Hanson shows his humorous side by wearing his pig hat and pig tie. The late sociology professor was known as a lover of fun hats.

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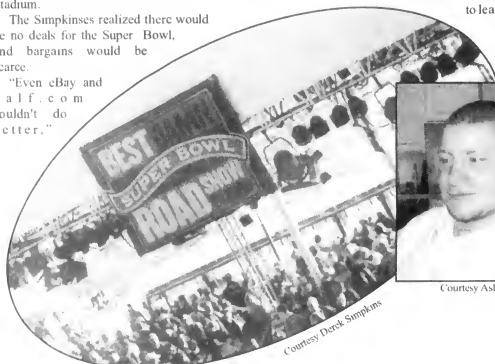
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Senior Derek Simpkins (inset) caught a live taping of "The Best Damn Sports Show Period" while in Jacksonville for the Super Bowl.

Snapshot Of A Professor

By **COREY BYERS**
News Editor

Colleagues and students are remembering the impact Dr. Bill Hanson, associate professor of sociology and anthropology, made on the University of Mary Washington as well as the Fredericksburg community.

He taught at the university from 1981 to 2004. He passed away on Jan. 31 after suffering from a rare lung disease, idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis, for which he received a lung transplant in 1996.

When his colleagues and students were asked what was unique about Hanson, the same characteristics were repeatedly used to describe his persona. Hanson was influential, humorous and persistent.

Dr. Joan Olson, associate professor of sociology and anthropology, said as part of one of his courses, students were not assigned a specific topic but were required to get involved in working with a social issue as part of an academic project.

"As I understand it... some students picked the issue of the living wage and started working on living wage campaigns," Olson said. "Early on... he always had students doing active kinds

of assignments where you would be going into the community and observing or interviewing people... that's not activism for change but it was very much getting students to get out there in the community."

At one time Hanson served as a member of the board of directors for the Fredericksburg Area Food Bank. Fred Jerman, an employee of the food bank, said Hanson's students not only worked there for academic credit, but volunteered there as well.

"[People] miss that the hidden secret in our communities is hunger," Jerman said. "He pointed that out to students so they could see that."

Jerman went on to say that several interns who served at the food bank under Hanson's advising subsequently went on to graduate schools for their master's degrees in the social sciences.

Olson also recalls Hanson's sense of humor. She said he had a matching hat and tie he wore periodically. The hat resembled the face of a pig while the tie was adorned with smaller faces of pigs.

"He had a silly side, a fun side... he wasn't afraid to be silly in class," Olson said.

Sophomore Tempa Klinegors took a course

entitled Civil Rights in the New Millennium with Hanson.

"His humor was more controversial... [he was] the definition of what a sociology professor should be," she said. "He talked about controversial things and did not worry about people's feelings... he wanted you to know the truth."

Dr. David Cain, Distinguished professor of classics, philosophy and religion, attested to Hanson's persistence.

He said Hanson was involved in an approximately eight year collaborative process to establish a religion and sociology scholarship on campus. The scholarship, which is awarded to a rising senior, alternates between the two academic departments from year to year.

"He combined two qualities which I think aren't very often found together... when they come together you have something very special indeed, that how Bill was, a sweet and caring man," Cain said. "One quality is tenacity, persistence. When he believed something was right he was willing to risk himself and could not be dissuaded. That was accompanied with a genial, good nature, even humor... Bill combined the two and the combination was charming."



Courtesy Mark Olson

Professor Bill Hanson shows his humorous side by wearing his pig hat and pig tie. The late sociology professor was known as a lover of fun hats.

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A BEAR OF A TIME While studying in Australia, UMW student Marion Bernheim makes friends with the local wildlife.

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UMW TAKES ON PARIS University of Mary Washington students pose for a group portrait at the Louvre in Paris, France. Friends of Connor Vordorne came to pay him a visit during his semester abroad.

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Peggy Wray in Oxford, England

WHEN I STUDIED abroad in spring semester of 2004 with Advanced Studies in England, I was expecting to have my perceptions of the world changed by living in a foreign country for four months. I was not expecting to have my perception of other worlds changed. Two photographs that I took in Magdalene Church in Oxford made me believe in ghosts.

I was in Oxford for Advanced Studies in England's residential week in the city, and while I was there I went on a tour of some of the churches that are part of Oxford University. One church in particular, Magdalene Church, had an odd, eerie feeling to it. It was dark except for the light streaming in through the yellowed stained glass windows and the votive candles were all nearly melted away with tiny flames flickering over sooty pools of wax. Most of the churches I had been in that day had a certain sense of mystery about them but they had all felt welcoming too. This one did not.

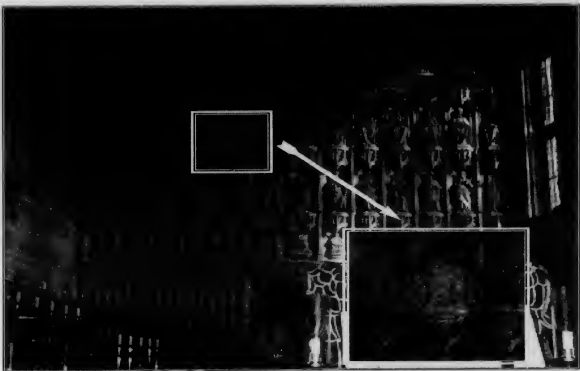
As I looked around, I noticed a floor to ceiling gate that blocked off the altar. I was a little disappointed that I could not get a closer look at the beautifully carved figures at the head of the church. "Well," I thought, "if I can't go up there at least I can take a picture." So I took out my digital camera, stuck it through two of the bars of

the gate and snapped a picture. When I looked at the display window, I was perplexed by what I saw. I could sort of make out the altar and the candles leading up to it, but it looked like the room was full of smoke! There was no smoke in the room that I could see but it definitely showed up in the picture.

I turned to one of my friends who had taken the same picture with his digital camera to see how his turned out. His was full of smoke too! We shrugged it off, figuring that our cameras were not showing any smoke this time, but there was a tiny

white spot on the image. I did not think anything of it until I loaded the picture on my laptop and got a better look at it. The white spot was a face! Upon closer examination, I could clearly see the bust of a man's head with long hair, two eyes, facial hair, and something around his neck -- a shirt collar...or a noose. The face looked like it came

right out of the sixteenth century! The part of the image that really set my hair on end was the three clear, concentric circles around the bust. I do not know what was going on in Magdalene Church that day, but I am sure that I wasn't the only foreigner in the church.



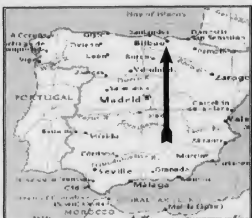
Rygh Wright in Bilbao, Spain

I'M A PSYCH MAJOR at Mary Washington and am studying in Bilbao, Spain at the Universidad de Deusto. I live in an apartment on the 3rd floor with a family that has two boys -- a four year old and a six month old. Obviously, that was my preference and you can always opt to live with a family with older kids or no family at all. A friend of mine lives in an apartment with two roommates and others live in the residence halls. However, I really enjoy small children and so far am enjoying living there tremendously. (I even have my own room). I take the metro to school and it takes about 30 minutes to get from Algorta, where I live, to Deusto and then I walk from the metro station to the university itself. Although intimidating at first, I'm very comfortable with it now.

Everyone asks me about the food, and if I've met any hot boys yet, but nevermind that. I'm not a very good judge of the food because I'm not a picky eater, but so far I've enjoyed most everything. They use a lot more olive oil in things and they make a lot of sauces. One of the traditional dishes here is tortilla española, which is made with eggs, onions, pota-

toes, chorizo (sausage similar to pepperoni), and is more like an omelet than something you would put your fajita in. Speaking of Mexican food, I would suggest sticking to Spanish food while in Spain. The nachos I had the other day were made with some sort of white cheese (similar to mozzarella) and chopped up ham on doritos. Although not terrible, definitely not what I would have considered nachos. Maybe that's because I'm from Texas. I don't know. Salads are also very different. They usually have lettuce, tomato, corn, tuna, and vinegar, and olive oil. It's okay, I'm getting used to it. There's always McDonald's and the "postres," or desserts, are delicious!

It is very exciting to interact with my family here, as I have been here a month now and am just starting to feel comfortable talking. The father (who does most of the cooking) and I always watch a movie after dinner -- in Spanish -- and I enjoy seeing the movies I haven't seen before. With movies I've already seen, I feel like they're about to switch to English at any moment. It still takes me a long time to think about what I'm going to say. I hope it will "click" soon.



Chris Misch in Japan

SHORTLY AFTER arriving in Japan I quickly learned that many English words had become commonly used in the Japanese language. For example, "bus" has become "basu", and "computer" has become "konpyuuta".

With this in mind, I made my way to a local MOS Burger (named for the mood, ocean and stars not for fungus that was reputed to be served) for a chicken sandwich. While walking, I thought of how "chicken" might be pronounced in Japanese and decided

on "chikan".

I patiently waited in line rehearsing my limited Japanese until my turn to order arrived. I proudly ordered, "Chikan baagaa hitotsu kudasai." (Chicken burger one please). Immediately, everyone in line started laughing. Employees of MOS Burger were trying to politely contain themselves. My face turned 10 shades of red. I pulled out my pocket dictionary and looked up "chikan". I had successfully ordered one pervert burger.

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A DIFFERENT WORLD

Student Profile of Alex Lindeman by Jeremy Plank

ON A TYPICAL morning commute to work in Moscow, University of Mary Washington sophomore Alex Lindeman might find herself sandwiched between a police officer taking a swig of vodka and a foul smelling *bushka* on a metro.

For Lindeman, originally from Fairfax, this was a normal scene on her daily route to the United States Embassy in Moscow. "The 45 minute metro ride next to drunk cops and smelly Russian women was tough, but the four lanes of crazy drivers I had to dodge to get to the actual embassy was worse," she said.

Lindeman joined her parents and sister in Moscow on May 8, after being away from them her whole freshman year. Her father is an assistant air attaché to the United States in Moscow, a position under the Department of Defense.

Lindeman immediately began her summer job at the American Embassy, where she worked as an administrative office assistant for three months. For Lindeman, a Political Science major and member of the College Republicans at Mary Washington, the government position sparked her interest.

Working directly for a Minister Counselor, a man third under the United States Ambassador, Lindeman took over a previous employee's position. Her duties included everything from arranging her boss's travel plans, attending staff meetings, handling diplomatic letters, to organizing one of the largest embassy events of the year.

The event honored several foreign service officers leaving the embassy. She reserved the prestigious Wintergreen Hotel in Moscow, Lindeman planned the champagne toast, worked with the photographer, and designed the programs and invitations.

The job had its stressful moments, but Lindeman's boss calmed

and entertained the office with his quick wit.

"The joke around the office was that nothing ever got done without his assistant's signature," she said.

The embassy building itself is rather new, and it was constructed mainly because of Russian infiltration into the previous building. "They needed to ensure secrecy, so they had to build a new embassy to remove all the bugs," Lindeman said.

The security on the new embassy is extensive, and getting past the embassy gates was quite the ordeal for Lindeman and her co-workers.

Lindeman made sure to leave her house every morning with a cup of coffee and four essential items. "To enter from the city, everyone needed a passport, *kartuchka* that stated diplomatic status, a badge to be on embassy grounds, and an additional badge that names the highest security level you can pass," she said.

When working at the embassy, Lindeman kept her personal life to herself. There have been incidents in the past where embassy employees had to formally apologize to the ambassador for inappropriate behavior. "I worked in a small fishbowl where everyone finds out about everything," Lindeman said.

Lindeman respected her role in representing the United States in Moscow, and her last intention was to make her father look bad. "Getting tipsy with work friends my age down the street was out of the question, but getting wasted at the embassy bar downstairs was out of the thing," Lindeman said.

Lindeman worked closely with several other college students whose parents also work in the embassy. Lindeman recently visited her friend Jordan at Radford, the daughter of a State Department official. Everyone had parents of different levels of importance at the embassy.

"In this way, I didn't feel more



special than anyone else my age," Lindeman said.

Outside of the embassy, Lindeman sensed the differences between Russian and American teens. Lindeman and her friends went out one night to the Hard Rock Café in Moscow, to watch a soccer game over margaritas and nachos. She and her friends could sense the jealous eyes of the Russian teens sitting in the corner sipping their water, unable to afford booze or food.

Lindeman's living accommodations were luxurious compared to typical Russian housing. Lindeman and her family resided at Pokrovsky Hills, a gated community available to embassy employees and their families.

The community also housed well-off Russian families, and even members of the Russian mafia. "Ironically, this meant employees from various embassies were literally down the street from Russian mafia members," Lindeman said.

Living as a prominent American family in Russia sometimes led others to take advantage. "The corrupt legal system stages ways to scam rich-looking people out of money," she said. Recognizing her father's diplomat license plates, a police officer once deliberately pulled him over for a traffic violation he did not commit.

Meanwhile, Lindeman saw plenty of Russians causing potential accidents.

"It was normal to see people driving backwards on freeways, and for six lanes of traffic to take up three," she said.

Lindeman caught an inside glimpse of one of these drivers. Injuring her ankle on the Mary Washington Dance Team last year, Lindeman relied on public transportation to take her places.

Lindeman and her friend Caroline, tired of waiting for the bus one day, hailed a gypsy cab. A man picked up the girls, speeding down the paved streets while excitedly turning around and showing the girls pictures of his wife. Lindeman's ride took a turn for the worse when she mistook the cab's engine backfiring for a short-gun.

"I just wanted to get out of there," she said.

Some Russians that Lindeman met on the outskirts of the embassy were more understanding of American culture.

"They would point and ask my friends and I about our flip flops. They seemed very interested," said Lindeman. While buying fresh fruit at a market on the street, the peddlers would encourage her to converse, despite her weak Russian accent.

"I couldn't believe how different of a world it is over there. It really makes you appreciate America," she said.

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ADVENTURES IN ZIM CULTURE

Rachel Andrews in South Africa

OF OUR MANY novel experiences while studying abroad in South Africa last spring, I think one of our most "African" was my dinner with a student named Patmos from Zimbabwe. Let me preface this by explaining how we first got to know this particular Zim student.

After meeting him briefly during Orientation Week, I extended the same invitation I had extended to basically every single person I met that day, which was to a *braai* (Africans word for South African-style barbeque—not quite the same as an American one, but close enough) we American kids were having between our residence buildings. Later that night, at the braai, Patmos and his friend Munya walked up to us and reintroduced themselves, and we all became acquainted again, it was lovely. By, etc., and then I offered him a beer. At which point he took mine out of my hand and began to drink it. A bit surprised but more amused than anything, I said, "Oh... okay I'll just go get myself one then." A few moments later I returned with another beer and we were all chatting for a while, hanging out, you know just generally shooting the breeze on a nice South African evening... And then Patmos made what I only assumed to be a joking comment, something along the lines of, "So when are you going to cook me dinner?" "Blink,"

I sort of laughingly went along with it, only to realize he was mostly serious when the next time he saw us he posed a similar query yet again. Unsure of Zimbabwean customs and

realizing we may have missed something on a cultural level, we said, Okay, we'll cook you dinner. Come over Friday, we'll have some traditional African food.

So we made macaroni & cheese (but they don't have Kraft so we had to improvise), green bean casserole (they don't have French onions either, so again not quite the same), and chicken nuggets. Not exactly high-class, but pretty tasty anyway. Despite South African substitutions and some differences of opinion in terms of punctuality, the dinner came off quite nicely, and we decided we deserved a little reciprocity.

We demanded they return the favor by cooking us something traditionally Zim. Munya immediately responded with a chuckle, "Our food is sh*t." Again we took it for a joke and pressed them to make us something, and they agreed, although every time we referred to their making us some "nice Zim food" they quickly protested "n-n-no, we didn't say nice, we said traditional."

So a week later we headed over to Patmos's flat at the agreed-upon time, and were directed to sit down in the nice South African food (Munya was writing a test and so conveniently unable to help cook). We chatted idly as he finished up stirring things in mysterious pots and skillets, and we girls sat and speculated over what sort of things we were about to be served. Finally all was ready and he began to serve up the first course. As he was serving, he said something like, "things out of the skillet I laughingly

said, "heh, Patmos, what is that, bug?" and Kara and Amie-Anne and I all sort of giggled but he just shrugged and said, "yeah, caterpillars." "blink, blink"

You can imagine that straight-out-of-a-movie abrupt strangulation of gaiety replaced by sort of half-apprehensive/half-excited goody, "blink, blink" as we approached with my plate, thinking until the last second that he must be joking, he can't possibly seriously be about to feed us... "gasp" Caterpillars. Immediately I began to emit this high-pitched sort of good-natured-shock kind of squeal, but sincerely excited about the idea, gave myself no time to be grossed out and popped one in my mouth. They really weren't bad, not goeey or anything because they'd been dried, just a little chewy. But seriously, a little insecty after a while. I don't know how many of you have ever eaten a bug but they are I think generally, well, buggy. So after eating about three-quarters of my plate of them I had to stop because my stomach was beginning to object. Amie-Anne (a girl from Richmond we met on the program) didn't waste any time before trying them either, but couldn't manage to eat more than three. Kara needed quite a long time to adjust to the idea, but in the end ate almost all of hers, so well done there.

Luckily the main course was



yet to come, which consisted of yellow rice with a thick kind of chicken stew, with whole wings and legs of chicken cooked with lots of veggies and spices and things. Patmos said that not everyone in Zimbabwe eats caterpillars but it's quite traditional and cheap, so not uncommon. The maize-meal is definitely a staple, apparently they eat that with just about every meal, and the rice and stew is also quite common.

From this experience we learned two very important lessons: caterpillars are in fact bugs and taste accordingly; and Zimbabweans rarely joke about food.

Rachel Andrews and Kara McCulloch, both of UMW, spent Spring 2004 at the University of Stellenbosch in South Africa.

WHAT'S TO LOVE?

Mina Obach in Paris, England

THINGS I LOVE ABOUT ENGLAND square water bottles (and round bottle holders) // toilet paper every color of the rainbow // seeing a church spire in every city // seeing a driving clinic // "brilliant" // walking next to a river to get to class // "mind" // lunchtime concerts at the Abbey // the street musicians // much cooler jigsaw puzzles // the Bath sweet shop // abundant rose gardens // terrific public transportation // horseback riding through the English countryside // digestive cookies // inexpensive theatre tickets // the fudge shops // the paper being an inch longer so the margins on class papers always looking really funny // English pride // how no one quite understands all the rules to cricket // how the sirens go an extra note up // Americans doing British accents and either sounding posh or cockney, and British doing American accents and either sounding Western or like a New Yorker // buying groceries every other day // the comparative relaxed aire and freshness of the place // not getting run over // class novels for a pound and 1917 Dickens for 50p // pastys, baguette sandwiches, fish & chips, and sausage & "mash" // the pubs // random historical wares & artifacts // the art // the sensory garden in Henrietta Park // little children in their strollers everywhere // real

SOUTHERN (ITALIAN) HOSPITALITY

Christine Schepin in Florence, Italy

MY SEMESTER in Florence Italy had a very nice start. I met lots of new people, both Italian and American. One of the most memorable and welcoming experiences occurred on the first full day I was in the city. I was exploring the neighborhood and, among other things, I found the nearest church, San Lorenzo. Later that day I went back for Mass. I realized that I had no idea of the responses in Italian, so afterwards I asked an older woman where to go to buy a book for the Mass. She showed me a table where sometimes the church has booklets, but it was empty. Before she left I introduced myself. It turned out that the woman had a daughter with the same name as me. She instantly took my arm

and started to tell me all about her family, her life, and Florence. She walked me all the way to the store where they sold books on the Mass. The whole walk she was chatting in Italian, helping me when I didn't understand. When we got to the store she obtained the right book from the shopkeeper and even offered to pay for it. After I purchased the book she walked with me, arm in arm, to the street that I lived on to assure that I wouldn't get lost on the way back and made sure that I had dinner plans. This was the first of many pleasant experiences with the Italians in my neighborhood and all of Italy. I couldn't have asked for a nicer place to spend my semester abroad.

HUMAN TOWERS

Rosell Evans in Pamplona, Spain

NEAR THE END of my first semester in Bilbao I decided to take a bus trip to Pamplona, Spain. I had recently read "The Sun Also Rises" by Ernest Hemingway and was eager to see where much of the setting took place. Buses are cheap and dependable in the Basque Region, making daytrips to Pamplona, Vitoria, Santander, or San Sebastian easily doable.

Not expecting to see anything spectacular, I made the trip at around 10:30am and got into Pamplona around 12:00. I had anticipated wandering around and seeing the bullring for a little while — perhaps eating lunch. Coming into the city my bus had to stop several times to wait on a parade. Trips like this require an open mind, so I joined the parade. Turns out I was travelling during the Spanish Constitution Day. This holiday celebrates the democracy that was established in Spain after the death of Franco in 1976. The parade eventually led me to town hall where several tents were going on. Inside town hall they had free wine tasting, free food tastings, and flamenco dancing. Outside was something I had always wanted to see in Spain but never really got to: human towers.

Best of all: I was the only foreigner there.

chocolate in the supermarket // more general politeness/sophistication (real bow ties) // walks in the park // better taste in clothing // learning to be a master of layering // the Bath "statues" (especially the silver one) // dotted cream // all the trips, walks, discussions, and laughs // a good pint of Guinness (even though it's better in Ireland) // staying in shape due to the actual physical nature of the city // how it fits my personality, or perhaps, how I fit into it.



SPAIN

Explore Beautiful Bilbao

BILBAO IS BUSTLING, friendly and beautiful. It is a modern and diverse city located in the Basque Country, a northern province of Spain that borders the Bay of Biscay to the north and the Pyrenees Mountains and France to the northeast. Historically known as the industrial and financial capital of the north, Bilbao has undergone tremendous change, including the recent opening of the Guggenheim museum. Bilbao is big enough to offer the advantages of a large city but is small enough to become intimate. Although a new metro system connects the downtown with the surrounding neighborhoods, Bilbao can easily be walked—from the "Casco Viejo" (old town) to the shopping and business district, to the Guggenheim and back across the river to the university.

Bilbao is home to the Basque people and is a wonderful example of Spain's rich cultural and linguistic diversity. The Basque have developed a very distinct culture and language

although being connected by politics and economics to the rest of Spain for centuries. The Basque Country (País Vasco) is one of Spain's 17 *comunidades autónomas*. The nearby town of Guernica is the historical center of Basque culture and is also known for the 1936 German air raid on civilians that inspired Picasso's famous painting. This region also boasts some of Spain's most beautiful beaches and mountains, and is famous for its renowned cuisine. More information is available on line at www.bilbao.net or www.okpain.org.

The Universidad de Deusto (UD) is a private Catholic university, established and run by the Jesuits. Founded in 1886, UD has become a thoroughly modern university, and prides itself on its participation in numerous international study programs. It is located on the banks of the Nervion River across from the Guggenheim Museum. Visit www.deusto.es for more information.

HONG KONG

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whereas Cantonese is the most widely spoken Chinese dialect in the city. More information is available at www.discoverhongkong.com.

Lingnan University is a liberal arts higher educational institution that embraces international education and combines liberal art traditions from

both East and West. A strong emphasis is placed on student development and students are encouraged to think, judge, care, and act responsibly. All students are required to stay at student

hostels on campus for at least one academic year. With an annual enrollment of approximately 2,000, Lingnan has nine teaching Departments, a School of General Education and a Language Centre in the University.

There are six degree programs: Chinese, Contemporary English Studies, Cultural Studies, Translation, Business Administration and Social Sciences. Two-thirds of the courses offered at the University are taught in English.

More information is available on line at www.ln.edu.hk.



STRAIGHT TO GIBRALTAR

Steve Parker in Seville, Spain

COMING BACK To Sevilla from Morocco, our tour guide back to the ferry was three hours late. We ended up catching the last ferry boat back to Spain for that day. On that boat trip is when I bought my bottle of 43. When we arrived in port it was dark outside and we ended up missing the last bus back to Sevilla. Everyone else wanted to get back to Sevilla asap, but I figured since there was nothing else really to do that I should take the 15 minute bus ride to Gibraltar.

The bus didn't go to Gibraltar; it went to the Spanish city right across the border. I got off the bus and walked through customs at about 11:30 at night. After customs in Gibraltar, I walked out onto a huge airstrip where I looked up and saw millions of stars in the sky, except for the ones blocked by the enormous rock. I found a nice hostel and paid the owner in pounds. There was a Londoner there who insisted on telling us that the French were a bunch of cheeky bastards.

The next day I found a nice English pub and watched the England vs. France rugby game over a pint of Foster's. All the other Gibs in the bar were eating breakfasts with 5 different meats in each meal. It was Sunday.

I climbed the rock; it was cheaper to walk and the cable car is closed on Sundays. On the top of Gibraltar, there are monkeys that eat right out of your hands. There are also enormous natural caverns which were carved out by the rain water in the soft rock. There are also man-made siege tunnels used to control which ships entered and left the Mediterranean. These tunnels were built and occupied until the end of World War II. There was even an apartment blasted out for the general officer to live in.

I didn't think I'd be able to climb up the huge rock, but I saw a Gibraltarian walking his dog down and he said that he grew up on Gibraltar and he and his sister would climb it all the time as kids. I felt kind of stupid

for doubting myself after that.

After half a day of walking, I started back for the bus. I had developed quite an appetite and ended up finding a place that served fish and chips. I doused that piece of fish in tartar sauce and lemon, and I swear that

meal was one of the best I've ever had. That small sidewalk cafe was right before the airstrip which led to the customs checkpoint back into Spain. The trip I took by myself to Gibraltar was one of my favorite memories of going to Europe. Bloody fantastic.



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Enigmatic Edinburgh

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Towering above the city, perched on the crag of an extinct volcano, is the majestic castle. Once a fortress, built by the Picts to protect Scotland against the invading Angles, it is now the focal point of the city. Behind the castle is Old Town, with narrow winding streets and high medieval buildings. In front of the castle, the Princess Street Gardens lead to New Town and the shopping centres. More information can be found online at www.edinburgh.org.

IRELAND

Enlightened Cork

CORK, THE SECOND LARGEST city in Ireland, has been selected as the 2005 European Capital of Culture. Every day of 2005, Cork will present the work of important Irish arts practitioners as well as the work of leading international companies and individuals. Visible to visitors and residents alike, the city centre and suburban civic spaces will form an open stage for a significant part of the program.

Cork is ideally situated at the head of the inlet of Cork Harbor with the sea just to the south, mountains, hills and river valleys to the north and east and the well-known lakes of Killarney only one and a half hours drive to the west. Long distance walking and cycling are very popular in the region. In all about 1,000 kms of developed walking and cycling routes await.

WALES I

Peaceful Bangor

WALES HAS more castles per square mile than anywhere else in Europe and is filled with inspirational scenery and Arthurian legend.

Bangor is an ancient cathedral city situated between the mountains and the sea. It's located on the North Wales coast against the backdrop of the Snowdonia mountain range. Most of the University buildings and residences are a short walk from the city center which has modern shopping centers, and a good mix of national chain stores and smaller shops. There are also plenty of restaurants, café-bars and pubs.

The cost of living in Bangor is much lower than in many other parts of the United Kingdom. Bangor is a perfect place to study for students with a passion for language, history and culture.

WALES II

Simply Swansea

THE BEACHES of south Wales are unrivalled for the beauty and wildness (and surfing, dude). There are opportunities for windsurfing, sailing, water skiing, scuba diving, rock climbing, and horse back riding by joining university clubs.

Swansea, known as the "City by the Sea", is the second largest city in Wales and is home to the Maritime Quarter and Wind Street. These areas are filled with art galleries, museums, shopping centres, cafes and night clubs. A permanent covered market selling traditional Welsh food builds on Swansea's medieval history as a market city.

Swansea is only 35 miles from Cardiff, the capital, and has direct road and rail links to London and all the major cities. Visit www.welshwales.co.uk for more information online.

THE UNITED KINGDOM SPEAK THE QUEEN'S ENGLISH

London, England

KNOWN FOR ITS fish and chips and great Indian food, London is a shepherd's pie of cultures (even if you are a vegetarian) located on the Thames. They had a bridge that was falling down, actually it was sinking into the clay of the Thames, but they sold it to some rich guy in Arizona where it now stands for the benefit of song-loving children and tourists alike.

Immerse yourself in the famous opportunities to see theatre, visit world-renowned museums, dance in nightclubs and enjoy a soft drink (right?) as you play darts and eat your Yorkshire pudding. Students attending the University of Westminster, walk down cobblestone streets through neighborhoods of Victorian-style townhouses, corner pubs, bustling street markets and sidewalk restaurants on their way to school. Sit in class with British students and exchange ideas. Want to learn American history from another perspective?

Visit nearby historic sites, Regents Park, and major shopping.

Explore all of London—the tube and bus systems are easy to use with min the gap. London is filled with parks, famous landmarks and monuments, and cool, red phone booths. Find out that the "first" is "ground", that to "rent" is "to let", and you will be not sleeping standing up in a "flat". The University of Westminster is Mary Washington's partner on the other side of the pond.



*London Bridge is
falling down, falling
down...*



EVEN THOUGH YOUR MOTHER told you not to, you can actually drink bath water in a Pump Room in the city of Bath. For those who may not be so daring, you may also have tea, coffee and cakes. Located on the River Avon, Bath is so named for the baths built there by the Romans.

Students attending the Advanced Studies in England programme are able to enjoy the rich history and the excellent academics and exciting excursions of the programme that is associated with Oxford. No, that is not a typo, the Queen spells differently than we do.

A visa is not required if you are studying or doing an internship in the UK for under six months. You should take a major credit card and a Visa is accepted at most places. Yes, there are internship programmes in a variety of interesting organizations in London and Bath. They are called "sandwich programmes" but rarely can bread.

Bath, England

For two thousand years Bath has been a spa town, built around Britain's only hot mineral springs. For centuries this natural phenomenon has attracted visitors to Bath, and has led to a unique historic urban environment around the legendary "healing" waters. Now a World Heritage City, Bath is a compact and cosmopolitan environment providing optimum opportunities for students to interact and discover the city, quickly becoming members of the community, rather than merely visitors.

The River Avon runs through the centre of Bath and is ideal for walking, jogging or biking. Bath abounds with cafes, coffee houses, various galleries and museums set in and around eighteenth-century architecture, the Abbey, and the Theatre Royal. More information on Bath is available online at www.studybroadbath.org.



ECUADOR

Against Yourself with the Equator

IN THE LATE 1700s, the world's leading scientists came to Quito to determine the exact location of the equator for the first time in history. This is how the country got its name. There is a huge monument with an interesting ethnographic museum inside built on the site. You can straddle the line (called the political pose) or shake hands with a friend in the other hemisphere and have pictures taken. There is another line 200 meters to the north called the true equator—seems the scientists



were off a little. The uninitiated might expect large sambreros and dusty streets reminiscent of a John Wayne movie or perhaps steamy, mosquito infested jungles of the equator. Quito is a historically modern city rich in culture, museums, and low prices at the shopping centers. It surpasses the quality and variety of US cities. Known as the Cloisters of the Americas for having more than 80 colonial churches, the capital of Ecuador, Quito is at the foot of the

Pichicha volcano in a beautiful valley surrounded by imposing volcanoes.

Quito is in a word, cool. This is not because the high elevation keeps the temperatures down, which it does, but because there is so much to see and experience. Quito is the political and economic capital of Ecuador and offers theatre, symphonic concerts, folk music, museums, art galleries, antique stores and excellent food. Be sure to try the guinea pig. The city was the first designated by UNESCO as a World Heritage Site because of the well preserved colonial architecture of the city center.

Quito was the first city in South America to declare its independence from Spain. Quito is also the starting point for most expeditions to the Amazon, the Galapagos Islands and the Andes Mountains. Optional tours to the steamy jungles can be arranged. Some people have described Ecuador as heaven. Who knows, you may even see John Wayne.

PERU

Some Like It Hot

IN A GALAXY not so far away, one hundred and eighty beings, seemingly from another world, each having six legs, two arms, two heads and a voice of thunder, came to terrorize the nightiest civilization in Hispanoamerica. If you throw in a few diseases unknown to the indigenous population, the horse riding, gun yielding Spanish conquistadors made short work of conquering the vast Inca Empire. Cusco, the host city of the Mary Washington Program in Peru, is surrounded by a wealth of Inca history and culture. Sorry, most of the gold and silver was taken long ago. Cusco is in close proximity to Machu Picchu and the Inca Trail. It's rich history and welcoming community make it the perfect place for a South American semester.

SEE THE SOUTHERN HEMISPHERE! IT WILL NI EAIT SAV IT STRAYA

But Write It "Australia."

YOU KNOW YOU are becoming an Aussie when you start using words like "bloody" and "grouse." You begin calling people "mate." You learn that a "barbie" is more than a doll and that when someone "shouts" you can keep your money in your pocket. Learn to shorten your words "breakfast" to "brekkie" and "afternoon" becomes "arvo".

UMW is affiliated with two great "Strayan Uni's", Australian National University, located in the capital (Free jar of vegemite to the first person who can name the city?) and known for its outstanding political internships, and James Cook University, with studies of Australia's unique flora, fauna, and indigenous communities. These institutions were selected to be UMW partners because of their quality academic programs and

good student services. You should have "no worries" while attending.

Don't let the Aussie fool you into believing they go to the pub every night (which they may do) and never study. Instruction is based on the "British" model. Learning is more independent than in the United States. You will attend lectures in large halls with many students. These lectures are supplemented with "tutorials" with the professors and a small group of students. Grades are determined on the basis of one final exam or paper. Some professors will have mid-term papers or exams as well. The "British" system is not ideal for procrastinators.

So don't apply tomorrow, do it today. Go hug a koala or chase a Joey. Go in the winter to enjoy the summer.

Canberra, Australia

NOT ONLY IS Canberra the capital city of Australia, with many of this country's most important public buildings, art works and institutions, it is also a cosmopolitan city with cultural clubs, societies, restaurants and religious institutions reflecting its multicultural and diplomatic community. It is the wealthiest, best educated and most connected city in the country, as well as being environmentally friendly and hassle free. Canberra is carefully planned, a safe city with parks, lakes and spectacular bushland.

Canberra is sometimes called 'the bush capital' because pockets of bushland reserve extend almost to the city centre and over half the land is classified as national park or nature reserve. Wild kangaroos have been known to appear just a minute or two from the city centre. Because Canberra

is a compact city, right in the middle of sheep country, shearing can be viewed while enjoying a "damper" or "billy" within a 20 minute drive. Within a two hours drive are the beach and the NSW snow fields and about a three hours drive to Sydney. Canberra offers you all the advantages of city living in a hassle free environment. More information is available online at www.canberratourism.com.au.

With a view of Australia's highest mountain, Mt. Kosciuszko, the Australian National University campus is just a few minutes walk from Canberra's Civic district but is self contained in low-rise buildings in an ANU is a member of the "Group of Eight" leading Australian universities. ANU, which was established in 1946, is one of the world's most highly respected universities.

Townsville, Australia

JAMES COOK UNIVERSITY'S main campus is located in the tropical north of Australia in the North Queensland city of Townsville. Diverse environments, vibrant communities and challenging academic programs are just a few of the reasons why so many students choose to study abroad at James Cook University. No other university can offer such a wide range of classes in the shadow of two of the world's finest natural heritage areas—the Wet Tropics Rainforests and the Great Barrier Reef.

Townsville is a thriving coastal city and, with a population of around 140,000, is Australia's largest tropical city. Situated in the dry tropics, most days are sunny, with an average daytime temperature of 77-86°. Located one hour from the Wet Tropics rainforests of Paluma, Townsville is a gateway to historic outback towns such as Charters Towers. The resort regions of Mission Beach and the Whitsunday Islands are also within easy reach. Picturesque Magnetic Island is a 20 minute ferry ride away.





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STUDYING ABROAD WILL DELAY MY GRADUATION. If you have not planned your courses or education at all with your academic advisor and you are a senior in your last semester with several courses you need to take in order to graduate, then yes, studying abroad may delay your graduation. The key is planning. Talk to your academic advisor and plan to

take courses at Mary Washington in a way that will allow you to be overseas for a semester. In addition, with proper campus approval most of the courses taken overseas can transfer back to Mary Washington as major requirements or fulfill general education requirements. Start planning today by talking to your academic advisor or by visiting International Academic Services.

CAN'T AFFORD TO STUDY ABROAD. Financial aid applies! Talk to your financial aid advisor about Mary Washington's policy for allowing financial aid to transfer and apply to a program abroad. In most cases, aid will transfer. You may be subsidized by Uncle Sam, the state, the University of Mary Washington and mom and dad to go abroad.

PS: The University of Mary Washington does have a few small and a few large scholarships for semester or yearlong study abroad. Notice this was in the small print... You are encouraged to apply.

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LET'S TALK ABOUT IT. FOR THE PARENTS

Relevant Information

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WHAT IS THIS GOING TO COST ME? Most parents will normally respond to their child's request to study abroad with this simple question. It is important to discuss this question with the financial aid advisor at Mary Washington to determine the amount of financial aid that can be applied to a program abroad. Depending on aid type, much of the aid your child is receiving may be applied to the study abroad experience. Mary Washington's Office of International Academic Services avoids hidden program costs. Published prices include housing, tuition, limited health insurance, international student identification cards, advising, handbooks, and orientations. Nearly all programs include two or three meals a day, metro passes, internet access, and airport transfers. No program cost includes airfare or "fun" money. Cost for direct enroll programs in English speaking countries do not include books. Please call or email the Office of International Academic Services if you have any questions or doubts about what services are included in a program.

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WHO DO I CONTACT TO GET MATERIALS AND INFORMATION? Our staff is willing to discuss any of these issues with you. We are interested in helping you and your child plan for their semester abroad. For more information, advice, or materials, please contact the staff at the Office of International Academic Services (contact information below).

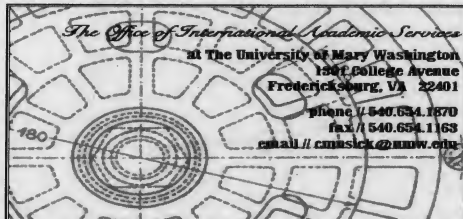
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Professor Recognized By Poet Laureate

By ERICA JACKSON
Staff Writer

Claudia Emerson, associate professor of English at the University of Mary Washington, received some unexpected news in late January.

"I got a letter completely out of the blue from the Library of Congress," Emerson said. "And I remember looking at the return address and thinking, 'Well, I guess this could be good news of some kind, or they want money.'"

She quickly realized that the letter was not a plea for donations as she began to read it.

"I started screaming," she said, laughing. "I asked my husband to read the rest of the letter because I thought that there was probably some glitch that would mean I couldn't really accept it. We had a really good time jumping up and down."

Emerson was awarded the Witter Bynner Fellowship for 2005. Emerson is one of two poets chosen by the Poet Laureate for the \$10,000 fellowship, which is offered by the Library of Congress to support poets and poetry.

Emerson plans to use the money from the fellowship in part to support travel for promoting her new book which will come out next fall. University of Mary Washington students and faculty alike have shown the same excitement as Emerson.

English professor Teresa Kennedy expressed her support.

"I think it's richly deserved," Kennedy said. "I can't think of a better way to reward people who work as hard as Claudia than with something like this."

Adam Schwartz, a senior in Emerson's creative writing class, agreed.

"Her style is not something that you'll run across often," he said. "I'm glad she's getting the encouragement I think she deserves."

Timothy Waltonen, adjunct lecturer of English, also had high praise for Emerson.

"Her work is so, so fine," he said. "It's great to have her getting wider recognition like this. She's really a great presence here."

The fellowship is sponsored by the Witter Bynner Foundation for poetry, which was



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The Library of Congress recently awarded Professor of English Claudia Emerson with the Witter Bynner Fellowship for her poetry.

founded in 1972 by the influential 20th-century poet Witter Bynner. The foundation was incorporated to provide support for programs in poetry through nonprofit organizations.

Two things are asked of Emerson as a fellow: that she organize a local poetry reading and that she participate in a poetry program at the Library of Congress, where she will meet the Poet Laureate and Martin Wallis, the other fellow for 2005.

Emerson plans to work with The Virginia Center for the Book in Charlottesville for her local event.

"They do a lot to promote books, and that's part of what the fellowship is, I guess supporting a writer but also supporting writing in general," she said.

Kennedy pointed out the timeliness of the award.

"It comes at a perfect time," she said. "She's going to be on sabbatical in the spring of next year, so it will give her a chance to work on her own poetry."

However, Emerson has no plans to leave the University.

"I'll probably stay put here at Mary Washington," she said.

Emerson has plans for future projects, including a book of essays about poets and the places where they write. She also plans to write a novel.

She is currently working on a lyrical sequence of poems about a girl's boarding school, based on her own experience as both a student and a dean at a boarding school in Maryland.

"It's very, very different for me," she said of the book. "I don't know what will come of it."

Throughout her years as a writer and poet, Emerson has gained experience and learned about her own style.

"One thing I've written now enough years to know is that my style isn't one thing, it's changed over time," Emerson said. "And so it's been a source of sometimes mystery and surprise too."

Sophomore Marie Turkert, a former student of Emerson's, is impressed with the professor's style.

"She thinks about the world in a different way than I think a lot of people do, and I find it fascinating that she can sort of step back from

this world of materialism that everyone's so caught up in," Turkert said.

This is not the first fellowship that Emerson has been awarded. She won two Virginia Commissions for the Arts Individual Artist Fellowships and a National Endowment for the Arts Fellowship, both in poetry.

She was nominated for a Pulitzer Prize for her book, "Pharaoh, Pharaoh." She was also nominated for a Pushcart Prize for three of her poems.

Emerson's poetry appeared in many journals, including "Poetry," "TriQuarterly" and "The New England Review."

She served as a contributing and advisory editor for "Shenandoah" and a guest editor for "Visions International."

Although Emerson has assured her place in the literary world, her focus is still very much on her students.

She offered simple advice to aspiring poets.

"Study, read, seek out good readers for your work," she said. "Keep doing it even when the world tells you it's not practical or it's not going to pay off. Poetry still matters... a lot."

EUROTRIP in Madison Hall

By KATHLEEN COLDUELL
Staff Writer

Walking through the corridors of Madison Hall can feel like a trip through Europe. The smell of Spanish food cooking and the sounds of people speaking in German can be heard.

There are currently 14 students living on Madison Hall's foreign language floors along with Spanish Language Coordinator Raquel Blave-Gomez and German Language Coordinator Anne Roering.

Seven of the students are currently enrolled in Spanish classes, two are native Spanish speakers, one is a French student and four are German language students.

Next year, these floors could be filled with people actively learning foreign languages and cultures if students turn in their special interest housing applications by tomorrow.

Blave-Gomez, who is currently teaching Spanish on campus, said that living on a foreign language floor is an opportunity students should take advantage of.

"What makes any foreign language floor unique is that those

students living there have the exceptional possibility of practicing the language they're studying with a native speaker as often as they're willing to," Blave-Gomez said.

She also said that students living on language floors can learn about different cultures.

Sophomore Spanish and linguistics major Elizabeth Sieb is disappointed in the lack of interest in the modern foreign language housing at the University of Mary Washington.

She decided to live on the Spanish floor because she was interested in speaking the language with other students who took it as seriously as she did.

"The ideal situation is to have a roommate that speaks the language, but right now that is not the case," Sieb said. "I think the problem comes down to people choosing friends out of comfort versus choosing the language and practice of that language for living conditions."

Although it is possible to live with someone of one's choice, Sieb is currently living with someone who is not part of the special interest housing.

"It makes sense and is understandable," Sieb said. "However, modern foreign language floors are simply dependent on the level of interested students, and if the interest does not increase then I wonder whether Madison will remain a modern foreign language building."

According to sophomore Spanish and Education major Joseph Petrusiak, he felt that it was much easier to apply to live in the special interest housing than to go through the standard housing selection.

Petrusiak also wanted to try living in an environment that was immersed in the language he was studying and majoring in.

He is also disappointed by the lack of interest in the floors.

"We should be able to fill up a floor very easily because we have plenty of Spanish majors here," Petrusiak said. "However, considering the number of them, not many applied to live here last spring. My roommate, Miguel Lazo, and I have learned much over the course of the year but we really need more people to live here."

Even though there are few Spanish speaking students living in the designated halls, the students still participate in language-specific activities.

Every Monday and Wednesday night in the basement of Madison Hall, Blave-Gomez meets with students for Spanish conversation hour or Tertulias. On Monday evenings those in the 100 and 200-level Spanish classes come. The upper level students come on Wednesday night.

"The aim of these meetings is to encourage students to speak Spanish at the same time as they ask me questions about Spain, which is where I'm from," Blave-Gomez said. "Several students who are from other Spanish speaking countries come to our meetings and tell about their places of origin too."

She feels that being the language coordinator as well as a teacher she knows what needs to be enforced and how much they really have to try and speak the language.

"[The students] make an enormous effort to speak in Spanish whenever we meet and that's highly gratifying for me," she said.

Additionally, the students went to see "Teatro de La Luna," an Arlington-based Hispanic Theater Company. They cook Spanish

food for the whole

floor together, listen

to Spanish music,

and participate in

any other activities

where the language

is involved. Students

also have the option

to make suggestions

of what they would

like to do.

Like the Spanish floor, the students on the German floor have

formed a family based on their common interest in the language.

According to Roering, most of the students have spent some

time in Germany and they have a good time speaking the language

with one another.

Roering, who is from Freiburg, Germany, shares her interests

and experiences as a student at a university in Germany with the

students living on the German language floor.

"I really like living on this floor," Roering said. "The people are

really great and everybody is really friendly."

The students living on the floor, as well as anyone else that

speaks the language, meet once a week to discuss things

concerning Germany.

They cook together and either watch a movie or just socialize.

They also hold Stammtisch, a weekly conversation hour, trips to

Washington D.C., game evenings and numerous other activities

throughout the year.

Associate Professor of German Vera Niebuhr supports the

language housing.

"Living together as a group provides German students with the

opportunity to improve their language skills, gain new knowledge,

build new friendships and expand their horizons," Niebuhr said.

Niebuhr feels that it is a wonderful opportunity open to all

foreign language students and is beneficial to the advancement of

their studies.

"Hearing [Roering] speak about Germany has given some of our

students the extra incentive to study abroad and maybe visit her

there next year," said Niebuhr.

The University of Mary Washington is not the only academic

institution that has foreign language housing. Virginia Tech had a

Spanish house last year, but it generally is based on the interest of

the students, according to residence life.

The College of William and Mary offers variety within the

Randolph Complex. Housing is offered for Arabic, Chinese,

French, German, Japanese, Russian and Spanish languages.

The University of Virginia has three houses, La Casa Bolivar

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application and meet the requirement.



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Spanish Language Coordinator Raquel Blave-Gomez lives on the Spanish floor in Madison Hall.

Scene



"Nerdcore" Rapper Loves "Star Wars," Fans

Staff Review

By STEPHANIE YOUNG
Staff Writer

A line wound down West Grace Street and around the block at the Nanci Raygun in Richmond of people trying to get the remaining 150 tickets to the MC Chris show Tuesday night. After waiting in line until 10 p.m., the crowd packed the floor to see an eight-foot-tall rapping spider wearing a diaper.

At least, that is where most of the audience knew MC Chris from. He's perhaps more recognizable as MC P Pants, who raps about candy on "Aqua Teen Hunger Force," and writes for Adult Swim. He's also a self-described "nerdcore" rapper on his first tour ever and selling his new CD, "Eating's Not Cheating."

Rappers Luggage took the stage first. They were kind of bad, and not in a good way. They were backed by a CD of pre-recorded beats, and kept making the sound guys skip a track because they had no rap for it. They got more applause when they said they were on their last song than for anything else they did.

The Gaskets, a pop-techno duo from Richmond, played next. They did not rap, which would have been perhaps out of place for a rap concert, but very little about the whole event made any sense to begin with. The Gaskets had a good-size following to sing along, and one girl said they left her breathless. The lead singer was either having a massive seizure or dancing; it wasn't clear. The songs were good and danceable, just slightly strange.

MC Chris took the stage about midnight to a cheering crowd singing along with the most logical opening song: "MC Chris owns/wanna go to an MC Chris show/But he doesn't tour so in the meantime/I'm gonna memorize all of these rhymes."

MC Chris looks nothing like the way he should from how he sounds. He's 29, but sounds like a 10-year-old and is a big white guy. He raps about things like Robitussin and Star Wars. Mid-set, he stopped the show when a couple of kids starting trying to mosh and asked Nanci Raygun security to escort them out.

"We're a bunch of nerds and losers! We can't defend ourselves!" MC Chris said.

He sang some audience favorites, including "Tussin," "Robot Dog," and "Fett's Vett," which he calls his song about

bounty hunters ("my backpack's got jets/I'm Boba the Fett/I bounty hunt for Jabba Hut to finance my 'vett'").

MC Chris said he could not "perform 'I Want Candy' from Aqua Teen Hunger Force" for copyright reasons, but he did do an a cappella encore version of it as the audience began to file out at 1:30 a.m. After leaving the stage he headed back to meet fans and autograph CDs for another hour.

Besides being a fantastic performer, MC Chris is maybe one of the nicest people ever. He got to be inside the warm building while his fans waited in line for hours in the freezing weather, but after his sound check he came outside, greeted every single person in line, thanked them for coming to the show, and handed out stickers. Who does that? MC Chris does that.

Tuesday was also the second night MC Chris' new CD was available for sale, and is now available on his Web site, mcchris.com, where his entire first album, "Life's a Bitch and I'm her Pimp" can be downloaded for free, which includes some songs from the new album and some skits. The new album, "Eating's Not Cheating," is on DC Flag. This album defines "nerdcore rap," and it's fantastic. "Boys Don't Cry" is an anthem for everybody who ever met someone online ("I met you on Friendster/your name was all weird...you'd blush at each look at the other side puy/his pics might be fake"). In "Yachtbird," he laments the loss of an ex-girlfriend with a shout out to every Livejournal.com user that understands the line: "Life was sucking so Kentucky was pulling her arm/just one more bird that got away/keep up to date by checking her LJ."

MC Chris is accompanied by John Fewell on the Apple Powerbook. Fewell makes all the music for MC Chris's songs on his computer, which sounds sweet. There are no complaints about this album. There is not one song that will not, at some point, cause uncontrollable laughter. This album is not, as MC Chris says in "Variety," "lame like that trucker hat craze." He uses a few more choice words, but that's better left up to the imagination. Or just download his old CD or buy his new one and find out.



Senior Jon Yonce interviews sophomore Maura Pond and her boyfriend Dave DuFour of Richmond on the red carpet outside the Senate film festival on Friday.

A Late Mardi Gras Shindig Comes To Great Hall

By STEPHANIE SKY
Staff Writer

This year, Mardi Gras falls on Feb. 8, signifying the closing of a carnival season that begins every year on Jan. 6, but the members of Leadership Emergence and Advancement Program (LEAP) and OSACS is making it last just a little bit longer this year.

LEAP and OSACS are putting together a Mardi Gras carnival for the students at the University of Mary Washington on Friday, Feb. 11 at 9 p.m. in the Great Hall. This is the first time that LEAP is bringing a carnival to the campus.

"We're modeling it after Friday night get meets Mardi Gras," said senior Erin Price, LEAP co-coordinator.

The carnival is going to consist of booths sponsored by several of the clubs and other organizations at the University. Each booth is in charge of providing some type of game with prizes for the winners. The booths can either be made to represent the clubs sponsoring them, or something unrelated. It is up to each club to decide what its booth will be and to provide the supplies and prizes needed.

So far, eight groups have signed up for the event, including Frames Per Second, WMWC and the Cartoonist Club.

"We're hoping for 20 [clubs to participate]," Price said. "Word is still going around. We hope to have a more solid number by the end of the week."

Freshman Lauren Jurgensen, an officer for the film club Frames Per Second, described the game for their booth as a dart board with pictures of bad actors on it for the students to throw darts at with candy as a prize.

LEAP will also be providing decorations, food, drink and door

prizes for the students participating in the Mardi Gras carnival.

"We might incorporate the Mardi Gras traditional King Cakes and that sort of thing," said sophomore Megan Martinez, LEAP co-coordinator.

"We'll also have basic soft drinks, we're not sure exactly what types of food, something like pizza and finger food," Martinez said.

Music is also a major part of the Mardi Gras carnival.

"It's a four-hour event, and we currently have three DJs on track to spin 50-minute sets," said senior Alex "Bob" McGeorge, station manager for the college radio station. "We are holding campus auditions for the fourth."

The DJ's might be able to honor some requests by the students, but not all.

"Each DJ has [his] own special genre that he likes to spin from, but we won't have a library with us," McGeorge said.

LEAP wants to encourage the clubs to go to the Finance Committee to get the necessary funds to help supply the games and prizes.

"We went to the Finance Committee to help purchase the dart boards and candy," said Jurgensen. "We got \$30 to cover everything."

With all of the preparations and planning that are going into the Mardi Gras carnival, expectations and hopes for the turnout are high.

"Last year at the Luau we were hoping for 50 students and we had 130," said Martinez. "We are predicting 200 for the carnival, hopefully."

"This is our first time doing something like this in two years," said McGeorge. "It should go pretty



"well." "I was told there would be about two hundred people," Jurgensen said. "But I suspect more like five hundred people."

Jurgensen believes that the Mardi Gras carnival will let the students at the University to interact with one another and also to get information on some of the clubs and organizations that are offered at UMW.

"We promote appreciation of films other than Hollywood, like Arthouse and foreign films," said Jurgensen. "We think this will be a great way to let people know about Frames per Second and what we do."

Price agrees. "It's a good way for clubs to get exposure," Price said.

Mardi Gras carnival in New Orleans is famous for a lot of different people coming together for a whole lot of fun.

"We're hoping that each club will draw different types of people for a mixed crowd," Martinez said.

Mardi Gras Shindig

Friday, Feb. 11
9 p.m.
Great Hall



New CDs This Week

Andrew Bird: "Mysterious Production of Eggs"
Brian McKnight: "Gemini"
Eisley: "Room Noises"
Sage Francis: "Healthy Distrust"

All CDs release dates were Feb. 8, 2005.
All CD cover art courtesy allmusic.com.

Top 3 Movies

Photos courtesy of imdb.com



1. "Boogeyman"



2. "The Wedding Date"



3. "Are We There Yet?"

What Is Your Favorite Shiny Object?

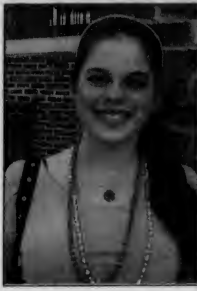
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"Diamonds."

--Ashley Lam,
Sophomore

"Dave Ludin's head."

--Alex Mejia,
Sophomore

"Stars."

--Danielle Mead,
Sophomore

"My dad's car."

--Larisa Mount,
Freshman

"Roman gold coins."

--Dr. Jim Gaines,
Professor of French

Find Love With The Women's Ultimate Frisbee Club

By STEFANIE SKY
Staff Writer

St. Valentine wrote the very first valentine on the eve of his execution to his jailer's daughter and it was signed, 'From your Valentine,' according to historychannel.com. Today, Valentine's Day is celebrated by lovers with the giving of flowers, candy and gifts.

But not everybody has found that special someone, and that is why the Women's Ultimate Frisbee Club is holding a Speed Dating: Getting Lucky on the 13th event in the Underground on Sunday, Feb. 13 for the students at the University.

The Women's Ultimate Club only received \$1000 of their proposed budget of \$2000 that they would need for their spring season.

"Tournament fees are up to \$300 each plus traveling expenses," said senior Lisa Koerner, president of the Women's Ultimate Club. "\$1000 goes really quick."

The need for quick money and the upcoming holiday is what sparked the interest for speed dating.

"I've seen this work really well at other places," said Brevin Boyd, coach of the Women's Ultimate Club. "It's going to be a socially relaxed environment that let's you meet people."

On Sunday night there will be three different one hour sessions beginning at 7 p.m. and the last one beginning at 9 p.m.

Speed dating is like musical chairs for adults. "We're looking for 100 people, 50 males and 50 females for each session," Boyd said.

"There will be chairs set up for one on one interviews," said freshman Jennifer Davis, the fundraising chair for the Women's Ultimate Club.

"Once the speed dating starts, each couple will have two to three minutes to talk to each other," Davis said. "After the two three minutes are up, they'll have 30 seconds to change seats."

"The guys will all be seated at the beginning of each session, and the girls get to walk around and see who they would like to sit with to start off," Boyd said.

"Tickets will be sold separately for each session," Boyd said. "If you want to go to all three sessions, you have to buy all three tickets."

Blue and pink tickets will be sold to make sure that there is an even number of both male and female students.

Tickets will be sold at the Eagles Nest on Feb. 8 from 11am to 3pm, Feb. 9 from 1p.m. to 2p.m. and on Feb. 11 from 11a.m. to 2p.m. for \$5 each.

Students can also buy tickets from any of the club members who each have a certain number of tickets to sell, as well as from members of the Psi Upsilon fraternity.

Senior Chris Rogers, activities coordinator for Psi Upsilon agreed to help a friend with this fundraiser.

"Lisa came to me for help because of their expenses," Rogers said. "They were short, and we have been known for our promoting. We know a lot of people."

Members from the Women's Ultimate Club as well as from Psi Upsilon will be attending the Speed Dating event on Sunday evening.

"They need a core group of girls and guys,"

Rogers said. "We are the number of guys to balance out the number of girls."

"The girls will fill in if there are too many men at one session," Boyd said.

All of the proceeds from the tickets will be going to the Women's Ultimate Club for tournament expenses as well as uniforms.

"We need to pay for the equivalent of regional tournaments," Boyd said. "We are required to have uniforms and we need hotels to stay in."

Though the club has elicited Rogers' help, neither he or Psi Upsilon are reaping any monetary benefits.

"We aren't getting any of the proceeds,"

Rogers said. "It's their event."

The Women's Ultimate Club is hoping for a big turnout for their speed dating event that they are bringing to the students at UMW.

"We are trying to put this together quickly, but we want it to be a high quality event as well," Davis said. "It's a nice, non-confrontational way to meet people."

"I think it's really cool," Rogers said. "I've never speed dated myself, but I think it's interesting."

"I feel that you know in three to four minutes if you want to talk to someone again," Boyd said. "It's a good way to overcome shyness too, especially around Valentine's Day."

And what would a Valentine's event be without flowers and candy?

"We are planning to have message hearts that the girls are going to be selling and I'm also going to see if a local florist will donate flowers that we'll sell for one dollar," Boyd said.

Members of the Women's Ultimate Club will be available after each session with pens and paper for those individuals who wish to exchange information.

Questions about the Speed Dating Event?

Contact Jenifer Davis
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Junior Nick Franciose dances at Thursday's Sadie Hawkins Dance, put on by the Association of Residence Halls.

The Horoscopes

By KATIE TELLER
Editor in Chief

ARIES (MARCH 21 TO APRIL 19)

A nice-looking Aquarius is interested in taking you out to dinner, but you have a habit of running your mouth incessantly. Advice: Keep your mouth shut and listen to the Native American proverb. You have two ears and one mouth for a reason.

TAURUS (APRIL 20 TO MAY 20)

The stars reported this week that a Pisces is very interested in you. Do something sweet and thoughtful, and your actions will be rewarded enormously.

GEMINI (MAY 21 TO JUNE 21)

Don't worry if you're alone on Valentine's Day. Quit looking for that special someone, because special someones are highly overrated anyway. Spend some time volunteering for the less fortunate, and you'll cure your blues.

CANCER (JUNE 22 TO JULY 22)

Neptune is completing its orbit this month. It could throw you a little out of whack, but try not to lose your mind. Neptune will align with its moons soon enough, and life will be back to normal.

LEO (JULY 23 TO AUG. 22)

This month you could end up in a financial hole if you don't reconsider the way you are spending your money. Think before buying. Do you really need that subscription to Playboy?

VIRGO (AUG. 23 TO SEPT. 22)

Spring Break is coming soon, and

that's something to be excited about. But don't neglect your classes while you are dreaming of Cancun.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23 TO OCT. 22)

Some people don't like your political beliefs, but don't be afraid to speak your mind. You may disagree on income distribution with a Taurus, but your free-thinking and free-speaking will ultimately be a turn-on.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23 TO NOV. 21)

It's time to catch up with your family and friends. Give your loved ones a ringy dinky and catch up. Also—a long-lost Capricorn may come back into your life and bring good news sometime soon.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22 TO DEC. 21)

Hey there, speed demon. If you don't slow down on Interstate 95, you're going to end up getting a ticket. If the cop who pulls you over is a Virgo, you may be in real trouble. So be cool and follow the rules.

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22 TO JAN. 19)

Tell us, Capricorn, what's the deal? Lately you've been fickle. You've been flighty. Maybe the best word would be "capricious." It's time to start sticking with your decisions.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20 TO FEB. 18)

You're having trouble with co-workers, but try not to lose your head. They may be doing shady things, but don't take the slow road.

PISCES (FEB. 19 TO MARCH 20)

It's obvious to everyone around you that you like attention. But people get annoyed if you go fishing (pardon the pun) for compliments.

News

Free Newspapers On Campus Indefinitely

By SARAH ROBINSON
Staff Writer

Students at the University of Mary Washington will continue to have free access to USA Today and The New York Times for the rest of the semester.

The newspapers are brought to campus through the Collegiate Readership program of USA Today. This program is designed for universities to work in combination with USA Today to provide a variety of newspapers on campus, available at no cost to the students.

According to Tami Goodstein, director of the office of student activities and community services (OSACS), the cost of the papers is covered by two sources: the student

government association and the office of student affairs.

Newspapers are currently available in stands located in Combs Hall, the Woodard Campus Center, the fitness center, and Seacobeck Hall. Distribution of the papers occurs Monday through Friday.

Beth Burke, Senior Account Manager for the Collegiate Readership Program at USA Today said UMW currently receives 155 daily copies of USA Today and 185 daily copies of The New York Times.

Burke said the cost to receive USA Today is \$3,797.50 for a period of 70 days. The cost of the New York Times is \$5,180.00 for the same period of time, bringing the total cost of the program to \$8,977.50.

The collegiate readership program was first implemented at the University last semester during a trial-run of the program from Oct. 18 to Nov. 12.

The Bulletin reported on Oct. 28, 2004 that student surveys, offered by USA Today, were given at the beginning and end of the program to determine student interest.

Goodstein said she first brought the program to the University of Mary Washington. She said she originally heard about the program through a colleague at another university and the program was subsequently introduced to the SGA.

SGA president and junior Frank Puleo sees the program as a success.

"I feel that the program has been a huge hit. I don't often find papers sitting in the news stands placed around campus, and if they are, the papers look like they have already been read," he said.

Sophomore Michelle Koetter shares Puleo's sentiment.

"I like having the papers on campus," she said.

The University currently has a contract with USA Today to apply the Collegiate Readership Program at Mary Washington for the spring semester. Goodstein said whether or not the program will be offered during future semesters will depend on available funding.

"The SGA works for the students, so as long as the students want to keep seeing the papers then we will make sure they stay," Puleo said.

Brianne Meagher, associate director of OSACS said the trial-run presented students access to USA Today, the New York Times, and the Richmond Times-Dispatch at no cost to the University.

The Richmond Times-Dispatch, available during the trial run, has not been included into the current Collegiate Readership Program. Meagher said the decision to drop this newspaper was based on financial reasons and results of the student surveys which indicated

this newspaper generated the least amount of student interest.

Jill Pulver, National Education Manager at USA Today said the Collegiate Readership Program is implemented at 325 Universities nationwide, including seven campuses in Virginia.

USA Today first began its Collegiate Readership Program in the fall of 1997 in coordination with Penn State University. Penn State still uses the program on all of their campuses, reaching approximately 70,000 students, according to Pulver.

In addition to general availability Meagher said there can be other uses for the papers.

"USA Today is also working with us to develop some educational programs for the campus utilizing the newspapers," said Meagher. "They came down and presented an in-service for RA's about how they could use them for hall programs."

Pulver said these hall programs could include the use of newspapers and online resources such as USA Today's student Web site, usatodaycollege.com, which features sites for students about democracy, careers, as well as case studies.

"I think the biggest benefit of the Collegiate Readership Program is that we will have a better informed citizenry," Meagher said.

According to Larry Cavin, single copy editor at the Free Lance-Star, students at UMW also have free on-campus access to the local Fredericksburg newspaper. The Free Lance-Star is not part of the Collegiate readership program but is provided by the Spotsylvania Mall.

The University receives 100 copies daily of The Free Lance-Star: 50 copies distributed at Seacobeck Hall and 50 copies are outside of the Eagles Nest between Monday and Friday. Cavin said this is the second year Spotsylvania Mall has been sponsoring those newspapers.



Hayley Amey/Bullet

Students pick up newspapers in the campus center. The Collegiate Readership Program provides students with free copies of some major papers.

Study Shows Cell Phones Affect Health

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"At this point in time, the number of persons who started to use a mobile phone more than ten years ago is too small for statistically stable analysis of the importance of amount of use in hours or number of calls," said Dr. Maria Feychting, associate professor at the Karolinska Institute in an e-mail statement.

According to the Cellular Telecommunications Industry Association, there are currently 172,219,755 mobile phone subscribers in the United States, increasing at a rate of about 2 million per month. According to a representative from Wireless World Forum, 33 percent of all cell phone users are aged 15-19, 39 percent are between the ages of 20-39.

Because of the high numbers of students who use cell phones, the University of Mary Washington recently nixed their long distance plan, forcing students to use either calling cards or cell phones to call outside of Fredericksburg.

Senior Steve Parker is worried that because students are now forced to use their cell phones more, there may be a rise in acoustic neuroma in future Mary Washington alumni.

"I think this is worrisome," Parker said. "It would be a shame to come to our 25 year reunion and see everyone walking around with big tumors pouring out of their ears."

Mary Washington voice services were unavailable for comment.

However Rosemary Barra, university professor of biology and interim dean of the faculty, is skeptical.

"Take this with a grain of salt," Barra said. "This is just one study. There have been a lot of other studies that have been done concerning mobile phones and other devices that give off electromagnetic frequencies.... I don't know how convincing this evidence is yet. This possible link has been around for a number of years but the evidence has not been that conclusive. I think this is the first one that I was aware of that has suggested this link."

The study shows that the tumors are strictly confined to the side of the head that the cellular phone is most frequently used on. Persson said acoustic neuroma is a benign tumor located on the auditory nerve, which can cause brain and nerve damage.

"It's characterized as a benign tumor," Barra said. "What that means is that it's not a cancer; when you have a benign tumor it just means that you have cell growth that is occurring at a rate that is greater than normal and as a result, you usually get an encapsulated structure that is going to be formed, and in this case, because it's an acoustic

neuroma, you're talking about the nerves that are associated with the inner ear. When this happens, you're looking at the effects on hearing and also on balance depending on which nerve is involved."

In response to the Swedish findings about acoustic neuroma, press representative Erin McGee of Cellular Telecommunications Industry said the company is very aware of the possibility, but cites that many studies have been done which do not show a conclusive link, including a Danish study earlier this year which showed no connection between cellular phone use and acoustic neuroma.

The auditory nerve is the nerve along which the sensory cells of the ear transmit information to the brain. The tumors grow slowly over many years, hence why it takes at least a decade of usage before cell phone users are at risk. Since the survey was conducted in Sweden, Feychting said conclusive statistics that are known now are that acoustic neuroma occurs in less than one adult per every 100,000 per year in Sweden.

"With a neuroma, it's the support cells that are going to be proliferated, not the nerve cells," Barra said. "The cells that lay down the myelin, what happens is, where this occurs, one of these cells has been triggered to proliferate so that you get a growth, and this is going to become larger and larger over time. As it does, it can fill up the auditory canal, and in that way affecting the individual's hearing."

Approximately 750 people participated in the study: 150 already affected by acoustic neuroma as well as 600 unaffected people chosen at random, according to Persson. All participants were given extensive interviews about their mobile phone habits. The risk of getting acoustic neuroma was almost doubled for participants who had used their phone for at least ten years, and the risk quadrupled for participants who had held their cellular phone on the same side for those ten years.

"If it continues to grow, it can actually push, because of its size, into the brain, and therefore, it could have an effect on the brain," Barra said. "But it's not an invasion; it's just the size of it getting larger, pushing against the tissue of the brain. What usually is done then, is you can go in and you can surgically remove it to use some other sort of treatment to deal with it, to try and shrink it. A lot of times it doesn't come back, so it is treatable."

Barra said you will not see symptoms right away. "Symptoms will gradually appear; maybe loss of hearing, maybe sometimes you hear of people having ringing in their ears as a result of the tumor growing, if it's the nerve involved in balance, it could be that they start to get dizzy," Barra said.



Dan Cavo/Bullet

John Leckey uses his cell phone on campus.

"So the symptoms are different depending on where it is and what the nerve is. The first symptoms usually involve either the balance or the hearing loss and gradually as it goes and pushes into the brain you'll have other effects. If it's left without treatment and gets really big, it could, of course, be fatal. But in most cases, as soon as it's diagnosed, what they'll do is go in and try and remove it. There can be damage, but you still have to get into the brain and get it out."

Barra said if there is damage after the procedure, it depends solely on how big the tumor is when it is taken care of.

The World Health Organization sponsored the study as a part of the INTERPHONE study. According to Persson, the INTERPHONE study is an international study coordinated by the World Health Organization's cancer research institute. Persson said studies from other areas of the world need to be considered along with the study conducted in Sweden before firm conclusions can be drawn.

While many students at the University of Mary Washington campus don't seem too

concerned about the new evidence presented by the Karolinska Institute, junior Alicia Banister does have some qualms.

Banister said she has had her cell phone for about five months now and uses it to talk mainly to friends on.

"I got it since I don't have a land-line in my apartment," Banister said. "Actually I really dislike cell phones, but they're so damn convenient."

Banister said the study worries her because so many people use cell phones so often and for such a long amount of time.

According to the National Institute of Health, many studies have been conducted concerning cellular phone usage and tumors, but no conclusive evidence has been drawn as of yet. However, many studies still are being conducted, including one between the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and Cellular Telecommunications Industry, to evaluate possible health effects and topics for future research.

Viewpoints



Cartoon by Matt Czapiewski

No Parking Permit=No Ticket

UMW Police Ticketing Disturbs Student, Makes Him Wish He Had No Parking Permit

By PAUL VESTAL
Guest Columnist

To my amazement and dismay, I found a parking ticket on my car on Wednesday morning. Outraged that I was ticketed on College Avenue by the Mary Washington Police, I went straight to George Washington Hall to contest the ticket and let the committee hear my complaints over the insanity of student parking.

Yes, of course, I was a residential student parked on College Avenue, but what residential student hasn't? Based on the number of tickets, I would assume a lot.

Personally, if the Mary Washington Police want to enforce that no residential students can park on College Avenue, shouldn't they post signs? Or, at least, ticket daily (to get their point across), instead of this haphazard once-every-two-months ticketing that goes on.

Or, how about this idea: A first-offense warning? It's not like no other college does that.

But, oddly enough, only residential students parked in front of Combs Hall and George Washington Hall were ticketed. I assume the UMW police officer got tired of standing up and writing tickets.

Imagine my surprise, too, when I was told by

the cashier that the ticket was a Fredericksburg ticket and not a UMW ticket that can be contested inside the school.

Doesn't that seem bizarre? Since, when did a rent-a-cop have authority of city parking? Isn't it funny that the University won't even handle such minuscule matters itself? It does seem like a good idea to me that the University would handle its own parking matters.

And let me tell you, waiting in the lobby of the police station on Princess Anne Street for a real cop to bring me a ticket appeal form was a waste of my time. I mean, am I really going to go to a court hearing to protest this ticket? Come on, if I'm found guilty (which I will be),

I will have to pay the ticket and court costs.

But, let me end this letter by giving fellow residential students a word of advice: No residential sticker, no ticket on College Avenue.

That's right, if you don't have your permit on your car, the college can't ticket you. Isn't it funny how we paid 100 bucks for that permit and it's the reason we are getting ticketed? Thanks a lot, Mary Washington.

Paul Vestal is a junior.

Editor's Note: According to the parking guidelines on the University Web site, failing to register a vehicle can result in a \$100 ticket.

Legislators Displacing The Blame

Virginia Lawmakers Propose Ban On Teenage Drivers' Cell Phone Use

By ERIN LEACH-KEMON
Staff Writer

Five boisterous teenage girls squish into a gleaming SUV as the school day ends. Speed-dialing a friend on her cellular phone, the driver simultaneously cranks the stereo system to an unearthly volume.

Glancing in her rear-view mirror, the unsuspecting driver charges immediately into reverse, thus barely escaping my front bumper by a quarter of an inch.

Here lies an inevitable depiction of my high school driving experience, and a delicious representation of thoughtless driving for many legislators.

Packaged into an alarming image, and amplifying each aspect of reckless driving, the aforementioned scene lends credence to presently proposed legislation.

Currently, lawmakers within Virginia and surrounding states are introducing laws limiting the number of passengers in a teenage driver's car, extending states' learner's permit period, and prohibiting cell phone use by teen drivers.

Statistics demonstrate a necessity for teenage driver improvement, yet these calculated numbers have reached a dangerous high for

adults as well, for this image of hazardous driving is representative of drivers of all ages.

Assuredly, it is necessary to dedicate an abundant effort toward decreasing the rising number of incidents among teenage drivers, for

according to research conducted upon teen driving fatalities, teenage drivers make up for 14 percent of all deaths due to motor-vehicle accidents.

In 2004, 174 young adults died within the state of Virginia, and this number is continuously rising. However, a significantly larger portion of reported car accidents are attributed to the adult population, for they too exhibit negligent driving techniques.

In desperation, lawmakers are formulating

strategies to reduce these dangers, yet their proposed laws have a limited scope that rests upon teenage society.

Teenagers contribute to seven percent of the population of all licensed drivers.

Will the revocation of privileges from less than 10 percent of the driving population really

assist in decreasing the rate of accidents?

Recently, lawmakers have concentrated on a controversial issue on roadways: cellular phone use while driving. The proposed prohibition includes an insignificant

percent of the population. A cellular device serves as a distraction from

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News

Free Newspapers On Campus Indefinitely

By SARAH ROBINSON
Staff Writer

Students at the University of Mary Washington will continue to have free access to USA Today and The New York Times for the rest of the semester.

The newspapers are brought to campus through the Collegiate Readership program of USA Today. This program is designed for universities to work in combination with USA Today to provide a variety of newspapers on campus, available at no cost to the students.

According to Tami Goodstein, director of the office of student activities and community services (OSACS), the cost of the papers is covered by two sources: the student

government association and the office of student affairs.

Newspapers are currently available in stands located in Combs Hall, the Woodard Campus Center, the fitness center, and Seacobeck Hall. Distribution of the papers occurs Monday through Friday.

Beth Burke, Senior Account Manager for the Collegiate Readership Program at USA Today said UMW currently receives 155 daily copies of USA Today and 185 daily copies of The New York Times.

Burke said the cost to receive USA Today is \$3,797.50 for a period of 70 days. The cost of the New York Times is \$5,180.00 for the same period of time, bringing the total cost of the program to \$8,977.50.

The collegiate readership program was first implemented at the University last semester during a trial-run of the program from Oct. 18 to Nov. 12.

The Bulletin reported on Oct. 28, 2004 that student surveys, offered by USA Today, were given at the beginning and end of the program to determine student interest.

Goodstein said she first brought the program to the University of Mary Washington. She said she originally heard about the program through a colleague at another university and the program was subsequently introduced to the SGA.

SGA president and junior Frank Puleo sees the program as a success.

"I feel that the program has been a huge hit. I don't often find papers sitting in the news stands placed around campus, and if they are, the papers look like they have already been read," he said.

Sophomore Michelle Koetter shares Puleo's sentiment.

"I like having the papers on campus," she said.

The University currently has a contract with USA Today to apply the Collegiate Readership Program at Mary Washington for the spring semester. Goodstein said whether or not the program will be offered during future semesters will depend on available funding.

"The SGA works for the students, so as long as the students want to keep seeing the papers then we will make sure they stay," Puleo said.

Brianne Meagher, associate director of OSACS said the trial-run presented students access to USA Today, the New York Times, and the Richmond Times-Dispatch at no cost to the University.

The Richmond Times-Dispatch, available during the trial run, has not been included into the current Collegiate Readership Program. Meagher said the decision to drop this newspaper was based on financial reasons and results of the student surveys which indicated

this newspaper generated the least amount of student interest.

Jill Pulver, National Education Manager at USA Today said the Collegiate Readership Program is implemented at 325 Universities nationwide, including seven campuses in Virginia.

USA Today first began its Collegiate Readership Program in the fall of 1997 in coordination with Penn State University. Penn State still uses the program on all of their campuses, reaching approximately 70,000 students, according to Pulver.

In addition to general availability Meagher said there can be other uses for the papers.

"USA Today is also working with us to develop some educational programs for the campus utilizing the newspapers," said Meagher. "They came down and presented an in-service for RA's about how they could use them for hall programs."

Pulver said these hall programs could include the use of newspapers and online resources such as USA Today's student Web site, usatodaycollege.com, which features sites for students about democracy, careers, as well as case studies.

"I think the biggest benefit of the Collegiate Readership Program is that we will have a better informed citizenry," Meagher said.

According to Larry Cavin, single copy editor at the Free Lance-Star, students at UMW also have free on-campus access to the local Fredericksburg newspaper. The Free Lance-Star is not part of the Collegiate Readership program but is provided by the Spotsylvania Mail.

The University receives 100 copies daily of The Free Lance-Star. 50 copies distributed at Seacobeck Hall and 50 copies are outside of the Eagles Nest between Monday and Friday. Cavin said this is the second year Spotsylvania Mail has been sponsoring those newspapers.



Hayley Ames/Bulletin

Students pick up newspapers in the campus center. The Collegiate Readership Program provides students with free copies of some major papers.

Study Shows Cell Phones Affect Health

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"At this point in time, the number of persons who started to use a mobile phone more than ten years ago is too small for statistically stable analysis of the importance of amount of use in hours or number of calls," said Dr. Maria Feychting, associate professor at the Karolinska Institute in an e-mail statement.

According to the Cellular Telecommunications Industry Association, there are currently 172,219,755 mobile phone subscribers in the United States, increasing at a rate of about 2 million per month. According to a representative from Wireless World Forum, 33 percent of all cell phone users are aged 15-19, 39 percent are between the ages of 20-39.

Because of the high numbers of students who use cell phones, the University of Mary Washington recently nixed their long distance plan, forcing students to use either calling cards or cell phones to call outside of Fredericksburg.

Senior Steve Parker is worried that because students are now forced to use their cell phones more, there may be a rise in acoustic neuroma in future Mary Washington alumni.

"I think this is worrisome," Parker said. "It would be a shame to come to our 25 year reunion and see everyone walking around with big tumors pouring out of their ears."

Mary Washington voice services were unavailable for comment.

However Rosemary Barra, university professor of biology and interim dean of the faculty, is skeptical.

"Take this with a grain of salt," Barra said. "This is just one study. There have been a lot of other studies that have been done concerning mobile phones and other devices that give off electromagnetic frequencies....I don't know how convincing this evidence is yet. This possible link has been around for a number of years but the evidence has not been that conclusive. I think this is the first one that I was aware of that has suggested this link."

The study shows that the tumors are strictly confined to the side of the head that the cellular phone is most frequently used on. Persson said acoustic neuroma is a benign tumor located on the auditory nerve, which can cause brain and nerve damage.

"It's characterized as a benign tumor," Barra said. "What that means is that it's not a cancer; when you have a benign tumor it just means that you have cell growth that is occurring at a rate that is greater than normal and as a result, you usually get an encapsulated structure that is going to be formed, and in this case, because it's an acoustic

neuroma, you're talking about the nerves that are associated with the inner ear. When this happens, you're looking at the effects on hearing and also on balance depending on which nerve is involved."

In response to the Swedish findings about acoustic neuroma, press representative Erin McGee of Cellular Telecommunications Industry said the company is very aware of the possibility, but cites that many studies have been done which do not show a conclusive link, including a Danish study earlier this year which showed no connection between cellular phone use and acoustic neuroma.

The auditory nerve is the nerve along which the sensory cells of the ear transmit information to the brain. The tumors grow slowly over many years, hence why it takes at least a decade of usage before cell phone users are at risk. Since the survey was conducted in Sweden, Feychting said conclusive statistics that are known now are that acoustic neuroma occurs in less than one adult per every 100,000 per year in Sweden.

"With a neuroma, it's the support cells that are going to be proliferated, not the nerve cells," Barra said. "The cells that lay down the myelin, what happens is, where this occurs, one of these cells has been triggered to proliferate so that you get a growth, and this is going to become larger and larger over time. As it does, it can fill up the auditory canal, and in that way affecting the individual's hearing."

Approximately 750 people participated in the study. 150 already affected by acoustic neuroma as well as 600 unaffected people chosen at random, according to Persson. All participants were given extensive interviews about their mobile phone habits. The risk of getting acoustic neuroma was almost doubled for participants who had used their phone for at least ten years, and the risk quadrupled for participants who had held their cellular phone on the same side for those ten years.

"If it continues to grow, it can actually push, because of its size, into the brain, and therefore, it could have an invasion on the brain," Barra said. "But it's not an infection; it's just the size of it getting larger, pushing against the tissue of the brain. What usually is done then, is you can go in and you can surgically remove it or use some other sort of treatment to deal with it, to try and shrink it. A lot of times it doesn't come back, so it is treatable."

Barra said you will not see symptoms right away.

"Symptoms will gradually appear; maybe loss of hearing, maybe sometimes you hear of people having ringing in their ears as a result of the tumor growing, if it's the nerve involved in balance, it could be that they start to get dizzy," Barra said.



Dan Coo-Bulletin

John Leckey uses his cell phone on campus.

"So the symptoms are different depending on where it is and what the nerve is. The first symptoms usually involve either the balance or the hearing loss and gradually as it goes and pushes into the brain you'll have other effects. If it's left without treatment and gets really big, it could, of course, be fatal. But in most cases, as soon as it's diagnosed, what they'll do is go in and try and remove it. There can be damage, but you still have to get into the brain and get it out."

Barra said if there is damage after the procedure, it depends solely on how big the tumor is when it is taken care of.

The World Health Organization sponsored the study as a part of the INTERPHONE study. According to Persson, the INTERPHONE study is an international study coordinated by the World Health Organization's cancer research institute. Persson said studies from other areas of the world need to be considered along with the study conducted in Sweden before firm conclusions can be drawn.

While many students at the University of Mary Washington campus don't seem too

concerned about the new evidence presented by the Karolinska Institute, junior Alicia Banister does have some qualms.

Banister said she has had her cell phone for about five months now and uses it to talk mainly to friends on.

"I got it since I don't have a land-line in my apartment," Banister said. "Actually I really dislike cell phones, but they're so damn convenient."

Banister said the study worries her because so many people use cell phones so often and for such a long amount of time.

According to the National Institute of Health, many studies have been conducted concerning cellular phone usage and tumors, but no conclusive evidence has been drawn as of yet. However, many studies still are being conducted, including one between the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and Cellular Telecommunications Industry, to evaluate possible health effects and topics for future research.

Viewpoints



Cartoon by Matt Czapewski

No Parking Permit=No Ticket

UMW Police Ticketing Disturbs Student, Makes Him Wish He Had No Parking Permit

By PAUL VESTAL
Guest Columnist

To my amazement and dismay, I found a parking ticket on my car on Wednesday morning. Outraged that I was ticketed on College Avenue by the Mary Washington Police, I went straight to George Washington Hall to contest the ticket and let the committee hear my complaints over the insanity of student parking.

Yes, of course, I was a residential student parked on College Avenue, but what residential student hasn't? Based on the number of tickets, I would assume a lot.

Personally, if the Mary Washington Police want to enforce that no residential students can park on College Avenue, shouldn't they post signs? Or, at least, ticket daily (to get their point across), instead of this haphazard once-every-two-months ticketing that goes on.

Or, how about this idea: A first-offense warning? It's not like no other college does that.

But, oddly enough, only residential students parked in front of Combs Hall and George Washington Hall were ticketed. I assume the UMW police officer got tired of standing up and writing tickets.

Imagine my surprise, too, when I was told by

the cashier that the ticket was a Fredericksburg ticket and not a UMW ticket that can be contested inside the school.

Doesn't that seem bizarre? Since, when did a rent-a-cop have authority of city parking? Isn't it funny that the University won't even handle such minuscule matters itself? It does seem like a good idea to me that the University would handle its own parking matters.

And let me tell you, waiting in the lobby of the police station on Princess Anne Street for a real cop to bring me a ticket appeal form was a waste of my time. I mean, am I really going to go to a court hearing to protest this ticket? Come on, if I'm found guilty (which I will be),

I will have to pay the ticket and court costs.

But, let me end this letter by giving fellow residential students a word of advice: No residential sticker, no ticket on College Avenue.

That's right, if you don't have your permit on your car, the college can't ticket you. Isn't it funny how we paid 100 bucks for that permit and it's the reason we are getting ticketed? Thanks a lot, Mary Washington.

Paul Vestal is a junior.

Editor's Note: According to the parking guidelines on the University Web site, failing to register a vehicle can result in a \$100 ticket.

Legislators Displacing The Blame

Virginia Lawmakers Propose Ban On Teenage Drivers' Cell Phone Use

By ERIN LEACH-KEMON
Staff Writer

Five boisterous teenage girls squish into a gleaming SUV as the school day ends. Speed-dialing a friend on her cellular phone, the driver simultaneously cranks the stereo system to an unearthly volume.

Glancing in her rear-view mirror, the unsuspecting driver charges immediately into reverse, thus barely escaping my front bumper by a quarter of an inch.

Here lies an inevitable depiction of my high school driving experience, and a delicious representation of thoughtless driving for many legislators.

Packaged into an alarming image, and amplifying each aspect of reckless driving, the aforementioned scene lends credence to presently proposed legislation.

Currently, lawmakers within Virginia and surrounding states are introducing laws limiting the number of passengers in a teenage driver's car, extending states' learner's permit period, and prohibiting cell phone use by teen drivers.

Statistics demonstrate a necessity for teenage driver improvement, yet these calculated numbers have reached a dangerous high for

adults as well, for this image of hazardous driving is representative of drivers of all ages.

Assuredly, it is necessary to dedicate an abundant effort toward decreasing the rising number of incidents among teenage drivers, for according to research conducted upon teen driving fatalities, teenage drivers make up for 14 percent of all deaths due to motor-vehicle accidents.

In 2004, 174 young adults died within the state of Virginia, and this number is continuously rising. However, a significantly larger portion of reported car accidents are attributed to the adult population, for they too exhibit negligent driving techniques.

In desperation, lawmakers are formulating strategies to reduce these dangers, yet their proposed laws have a limited scope that rests upon teenage society. Teenagers contribute to seven percent of the population of all licensed drivers. Will the revocation of privileges from less than 10 percent of the driving population really assist in decreasing the rate of accidents?

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Cheerleading Overcomes Adversity

By KATHLEEN COLDUELL
Staff Writer

As the University of Mary Washington cheerleaders participate during the current basketball season they have one thing on their minds — avoiding injuries.

One of the team's major problems is the lack of adequate facilities and equipment for them to practice with. They have a set of mats, which are not proper cheer mats and are used by other clubs and organizations.

As a result of not having the basic proper cheerleading equipment, the team has suffered three major injuries. Ironically, they have all occurred at either the Capital Athletic Conference Cheerleading Competition they attend each year in February or right before it.

"Our team has great potential, but due to the fact that we don't have the proper facilities to practice, things become more dangerous," Christina Burkert said. "We do our best to be as safe as possible, but once in a while something happens."

Two years ago at the competition held at Salisbury University, Burkert was doing basic back handsprings and suffered hairline fractures in both of her elbows. Despite her injuries, she still competed.

"I could barely feel the pain, until after we finished, of course," Burkert said. "I had to compete. I couldn't let the team down."

The squad unfortunately placed last at that competition. There was a dispute over the scoring when the team received a very high score from one judge and a very low score from another judge.

"We were absolutely devastated because we spent so long working on the routine and

perfecting it and then to find out we only got last place due to a judge's error. It really hurt," said captain Lindsay Vaught, a junior.

The squad filed the necessary paperwork to appeal the results, but it did little. The Capital Athletic Conference Cheerleading Board for that competition said there was nothing they could do after it was decided and the score would remain the same.

"If you look back at the tapes, we were one of the only teams that were not dropping people out of our stunts," Vaught said. "We also were the only team there without a coach, which was most definitely a factor we believe."

Burkert's stress fractures were the first in a series of injuries cheerleaders sustained from tumbling. One of the main reasons the team has been unable to tumble properly is that they do not have experienced spotters to help them during practices.

"Ironically, all of the injuries have been due to tumbling on proper cheer mats," Vaught said. "We seem to get hurt when we are using the proper equipment."

Last season, sophomore treasurer Kelli Perry broke her wrist right before competition. The team was practicing at Slapshotz Indoor Recreation cheer gym located off of State Route 3 in Fredericksburg the week before competition. They were there for some last-minute critiques when she slipped during a tumbling and stunting combination. Again, despite the injury, Perry competed. This shows the true commitment the members have to the squad and one another.

Last year, junior Stacey Reffner was unable to compete at the competition held at Gallaudet University. She was practicing a back tuck 10 minutes before the competition began and did not clear the mat. According to Vaught, Reffner hit

her head on the mat and hurt her neck.

"We had to redo the entire routine five minutes before going out to compete because she was obviously unable to," Vaught said.

Despite having to re-work the competition routine, the squad placed third at the event. The fact that they were able to recover so quickly shows the amazing versatility of the team and the great connection they have with one another.

"It just shows our determination when we recover like we do," said junior captain Andrew Fristoe, the only male on an otherwise all-female squad.

Burkert said, "Everyone has something to offer the team that we wouldn't have without them. I have learned a lot from everyone on the team."

Some would say the team is cursed, but the squad remains optimistic.

"I know that our team is strong enough to deal with injuries when they come up, and adjust accordingly," said Suzanne Volinski. "We've done it before, and if we have to we'll do it again."

The squad's main focus during the season is competition, although they can also be seen cheering at the varsity men's and women's home basketball games.

The team only competes at one competition per year because they have to split their time between sidelines, cheers, timeout dances and the competition routine. They also have not been able to fund enough money to compete at more than one a year.

Cheerleading is a club sport at the University and for this reason they are not recognized as a varsity sport. They hold try-outs each year, but are not allowed to cut anyone due to club rules. They had approximately 30 women try out according to Vaught, but most decide that they

are not willing to put the commitment into the sport.

Last season the squad only had 15 uniforms, which meant that all of the members of the squad could not perform at the basketball games and at competition. For this reason, they have a performing and a non-performing squad. Vaught did say that most of the girls on the non-performing squad do perform at some point during the year and usually always make the performing team the following year. This year they hope to get enough uniforms so all of the 20 members will be able to perform.

"We are a real cheerleading team," Burkert said. "Our team has talent and we really work hard to be what we are."

The squad does not have a sponsor or a coach. They have had problems finding a coach to work with them because their budget does not allow them to pay for one. For this reason most people, particularly at competitions, have not been taking the team as seriously as it would like.

Each member is required to pay an initial due of \$15 to help cover the costs of competitions, transportation, and the team bonding events. With the name change, the squad was forced to do substantial fundraising to buy new tops. This year, according to Burkert and Perry, the squad received only enough money to cover a third of the cost of new tops. This means that they have to pay for competitions, transportation and other cheerleading things by themselves.

"We are trying to raise money to be able to have these things, but it will take a while," Burkert said.

Perry agrees with her teammates that the situation for the squad is not ideal.

"We do not have a lot of money and it is almost as if people do not care if we are there or not," she said. "But it makes us try a lot harder."

THE BUSCH REPORT: Patriots Are A Dynasty, T.O. Gives Gutsy Effort



Dave Buschenfeldt

Let me start off by giving a standing ovation to Terrell Owens. I was one of the people who did not think he would be able to make an impact in Sunday's Super Bowl. He definitely proved me, and all of his critics, wrong.

Catching nine passes for 122 yards just seven weeks after breaking his leg and tearing a ligament in his ankle was nothing short of amazing. With two screws still embedded in the bones of his lower leg, Owens played 62 of Philadelphia's 72 offensive plays. Owens's performance was not quite as impressive as Jack Youngblood playing in the

both the NFC Championship and Super Bowl XIV on a leg he had broken the game before, but it ranks up there with Curt Schilling pitching with a torn ankle tendon during the 2004 MLB playoffs.

Super Bowl XXXIX definitely was not the most exciting game in NFL history. To tell you the truth, much of the game was downright boring compared to the Patriots' last-second wins in Super Bowls XXXVI and XXXVIII.

Lack of excitement aside, Super Bowl XXXIX cemented New England's place as one of the greatest teams in NFL history. The Patriots have won three of the last four Super Bowls, a feat matched only by the Dallas Cowboys from 1992-95. Bill Belichick passed the legendary Vince Lombardi for the best postseason coaching record in history at 10-1. Tom Brady ran his postseason record to 9-0.

Rodney Harrison made sure that Freddie Mitchell and the rest of the Eagles remembered who he was. Harrison intercepted Donovan McNabb twice, including the game-clincher with less than a minute to play. This meant that Harrison caught more passes from McNabb than Mitchell, who only made one catch in the game.

New England's quest next season to become the first team to win three straight Super Bowls will not be easy. They are losing both offensive coordinator Charlie Weir and defensive coordinator Romeo Crennel. Weir will be the next head coach at Notre Dame and Crennel is taking over the Cleveland Browns. There is also a good chance that cornerbacks Ty Law and Tyrone Poole will not return to the team next season.

But it will be hard to bet against a team that still has Bill Belichick on the sideline.

Eagles Top Crusaders

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Laura Vigliotti scored a career-high 20 points, and freshman Jackie DeLoach, who added 14. Senior Christine Carlisle, junior Amanda Burnham and Shifflett each scored 10 points.

The Eagles finish out their regular season with games against all conference opponents. Applebury is confident her team will be ready to step it up.

"A game like this is beneficial for the team because it gives our starters a day off," she said. "We have practice and hopefully they'll be ready to go when it comes to [upcoming] games."

The Eagles (16-5, 8-2 CAC) traveled to Goucher College last night after *The Bulletin* went to press. They will host Salisbury University on Saturday at 4 p.m. and Marymount University on Wednesday, Feb. 16, at 6 p.m.

Valentine's Day Messages

Chris,

You are my soul mate. I can't wait to spend the rest of my life with you. I love you with all of my heart and soul!

Yours forever and always,
Ashley

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Your appreciative
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Cheerleading Overcomes Adversity

By KATHLEEN COLDUELL
Staff Writer

As the University of Mary Washington cheerleaders participate during the current basketball season they have one thing on their minds — avoiding injuries.

One of the team's major problems is the lack of adequate facilities and equipment for them to practice with. They have a set of mats, which are not proper cheer mats and are used by other clubs and organizations.

As a result of not having the basic proper cheerleading equipment, the team has suffered three major injuries. Ironically, they have all occurred at either the Capital Athletic Conference Cheerleading Competition they attend each year in February or right before it.

"Our team has great potential, but due to the fact that we don't have the proper facilities to practice, things become more dangerous," Christina Burkert said. "We do our best to be as safe as possible, but once in a while something happens."

Two years ago at the competition held at Salisbury University, Burkert was doing basic back handsprings and suffered hairline fractures in both of her elbows. Despite her injuries, she still competed.

"I could barely feel the pain, until after we finished, of course," Burkert said. "I had to compete. I couldn't let the team down."

The squad unfortunately placed last at that competition. There was a dispute over the scoring when the team received a very high score from one judge and a very low score from another judge.

"We were absolutely devastated because we spent so long working on the routine and

perfecting it and then to find out we only got last place due to a judge's error. It really hurt," said captain Lindsay Vaughn, a junior.

The squad filed the necessary paperwork to appeal the results, but it did little. The Capital Athletic Conference Cheerleading Board for that competition said there was nothing they could do after it was decided and the score would remain the same.

"If you look back at the tapes, we were one of the only teams that were not dropping people out of our stunts," Vaughn said. "We also were the only team there without a coach, which was most definitely a factor we believe."

Burkert's stress fractures were the first in a series of injuries cheerleaders sustained from tumbling. One of the main reasons the team has been unable to tumble properly is that they do not have experienced spotters to help them during practices.

"Ironically, all of the injuries have been due to tumbling on proper cheer mats," Vaughn said. "We seem to get hurt when we are using the proper equipment."

Last season, sophomore treasurer Kelli Perry broke her wrist right before competition. The team was practicing at Slapshotz Indoor Recreation cheer gym located off of State Route 3 in Fredericksburg the week before competition. They were there for some last-minute critiques when she slipped during a tumbling and stunting combination. Again, despite the injury, Perry competed. This shows the true commitment the members have to the squad and one another.

Last year, junior Stacey Reffner was unable to compete at the competition held at Gallaudet University. She was practicing a back tuck 10 minutes before the competition began and did not clear the mat. According to Vaughn, Reffner hit

her head on the mat and hurt her neck.

"We had to redo the entire routine five minutes before going out to compete because she was obviously unable to," Vaughn said.

Despite having to re-work the competition routine, the squad placed third at the event. The fact that they were able to recover so quickly shows the amazing versatility of the team and the great connection they have with one another.

"It just shows our determination when we recover like we do," said junior captain Andrew Fristoe, the only male on an otherwise all-female squad.

Burkert said, "Everyone has something to offer the team that we wouldn't have without them. I have learned a lot from everyone on the team."

Some would say the team is cursed, but the squad remains optimistic.

"I know that our team is strong enough to deal with injuries when they come up, and adjust accordingly," said Suzanne Volinski. "We've done it before, and if we have to we'll do it again."

The squad's main focus during the season is competition, although they can also be seen cheering at the varsity men's and women's home basketball games.

The team only competes at one competition per year because they have to split their time between sidelines, cheers, timeout dances and the competition routine. They also have not been able to fund enough money to compete at more than one a year.

Cheerleading is a club sport at the University and for this reason they are not recognized as a varsity sport. They hold try-outs each year, but are not allowed to cut anyone due to club rules. They had approximately 30 women try out according to Vaughn, but most decide that they

are not willing to put the commitment into the sport.

Last season the squad only had 15 uniforms, which meant that all of the members of the squad could not perform at the basketball games and at competition. For this reason, they have a performing and a non-performing squad. Vaughn did say that most of the girls on the non-performing squad do perform at some point during the year and usually always make the performing team the following year. This year they hope to get enough uniforms so all of the 20 members will be able to perform.

"We are a real cheerleading team," Burkert said. "Our team has talent and we really work hard to be what we are."

The squad does not have a sponsor or a coach. They have had problems finding a coach to work with them because their budget does not allow them to pay for one. For this reason most people, particularly at competitions, have not been taking the team as seriously as it would like.

Each member is required to pay an initial due of \$15 to help cover the costs of competitions, transportation, and the team bonding events. With the name change, the squad was forced to do substantial fundraising to buy new tops. This year, according to Burkert and Perry, the squad received only enough money to cover a third of the cost of new tops. This means that they have to pay for competitions, transportation and other cheerleading things by themselves.

"We are trying to raise money to be able to have these things, but it will take a while," Burkert said.

Perry agrees with her teammates that the situation for the squad is not ideal.

"We do not have a lot of money and it is almost as if people do not care if we are there or not," she said. "But it makes us try a lot harder."

THE BUSCH REPORT: Patriots Are A Dynasty, T.O. Gives Gutsy Effort



Dave Buschenfeldt

Catching nine passes for 122 yards just seven weeks after breaking his leg and tearing a ligament in his ankle was nothing short of amazing. With two screws still embedded in the bones of his lower leg, Owens played 62 of Philadelphia's 72 offensive plays. Owens's performance was not quite as impressive as Jack Youngblood playing in the

both the NFC Championship and Super Bowl XIV on a leg he had broken the game before, but it ranks up there with Curt Schilling pitching with a torn ankle tendon during the 2004 MLB playoffs.

Super Bowl XXXIX definitely was not the most exciting game in NFL history. To tell you the truth, much of the game was downright boring compared to the Patriots' last-second wins in Super Bowls XXXVI and XXXVIII.

Lack of excitement aside, Super Bowl XXXIX cemented New England's place as one of the greatest teams in NFL history. The Patriots have won three of the last four Super Bowls, a feat matched only by the Dallas Cowboys from 1992-95. Bill Belichick passed the legendary Vince Lombardi for the best postseason coaching record in history at 10-1. Tom Brady ran his postseason record to 9-0.

Rodney Harrison made sure that Freddie Mitchell and the rest of the Eagles remembered who he was. Harrison intercepted Donovan McNabb twice, including the game-clincher with less than a minute to play. This meant that Harrison caught more passes from McNabb than Mitchell, who only made one catch in the game.

New England's quest next season to become the first team to win three straight Super Bowls will not be easy. They are losing both offensive coordinator Charlie Weis and defensive coordinator Romeo Crennel. Weis will be the next head coach at Notre Dame and Crennel is taking over the Cleveland Browns. There is also a good chance that cornerbacks Ty Law and Tyrone Poole will not return to the team next season.

But it will be hard to bet against a team that still has Bill Belichick on the sideline.

Eagles Top Crusaders

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Laura Vighiotti scored a career-high 20 points, and freshman Jackie DeLoach who added 14. Senior Christine Carlisle, junior Amanda Burnham and Shifflett each scored 10 points.

The Eagles finish out their regular season with games against all conference opponents. Applebury is confident her team will be ready to step it up.

"A game like this is beneficial for the team because it gives our starters a day off," she said. "We have practice and hopefully they'll be ready to go when it comes to [upcoming] games."

The Eagles (16-5, 8-2 CAC) traveled to Goucher College last night after *The Bulletin* went to press. They will host Salisbury University on Saturday at 4 p.m. and Marymount University on Wednesday, Feb. 16, at 6 p.m.

Valentine's Day Messages

Chris,

You are my soul mate. I can't wait to spend the rest of my life with you. I love you with all of my heart and soul!

Yours forever and always,
Ashley

Dear Miss Lola/Laura
You totally rock!
Love,
Your appreciative
roomie

To my Eggplant, "desert lizard",
and Scallion: I lucked out to get 3
scrumptious friends who love
it when I hang out in my undies!!
I'd be miserable w/out you.
Happy V-day!... thats anice.
LOVE~ DLH

<3s for Ani's
loves...Mims, Blake,
Roomie, Miss G, Kell,
Kina, Maddy the comp
sci angel, and all you
nifty IV ppl!"

To my PC,
I'm gonna keep on loving you,
cus it's the only thing I wanna
do,
I don't wanna sleep,
I just wanna keep on loving
you!

Love,
Your Girl

Snuggles,
I love you SO much!
Happy Valentine's Day!
xoxo,
Sarah



Sports



Andrew Deeb/Bullet File Photo

Senior Christine Carlisle goes in for a layup during pregame warm-ups. Carlisle scored 10 points against Christendom College on Monday night.

Women Cruise By Christendom

Six Eagles Score In Double Figures In Dominating 95-38 Victory

By LAUREN BOSTON
Assistant Sports Editor

Anyone who has seen Yao Ming play for the Houston Rockets of the NBA knows how dominating the 7-foot-5-inch center can be in the paint. He is able to reject shot after shot down low. Sometimes one cannot help but think that life just is not fair for Ming's opponents.

Life did not appear very fair for Christendom College when they played the University of Mary Washington women's basketball team on Monday night at Goolrick Gymnasium. When the 5-foot-7-inch center of the visiting Crusaders prepared for the tip-off against 6-foot-2-inch freshman Liz Hickey, it was clear the Eagles would have an advantage.

To say that UMW held a height advantage proved to be an understatement, as the Eagles dominated the Crusaders on the boards, outrebounding Christendom 56-18. This allowed UMW to cruise to a 95-38 win, their largest margin of victory of the season.

"It's definitely easy to play down to a team like this," Eagles head coach Deena Applebury said. "The biggest thing is trying to work on things that we need to get down, like hitting the open man and moving the ball."

The Eagles did in fact focus on improving their overall game, making it a point to spread the floor and work on getting the ball in to post players for one-on-one opportunities. Towering over Christendom, the Eagles easily snatched down offensive rebounds and hit shots for an early lead. The Crusaders were unable to maintain possession of the ball for long, and sloppy passes and ball handling resulted in fast breaks and easy layups for the Eagles. When Christendom did manage to get a shot off, they had trouble even hitting the rim.

The Eagles regular starting five remained

on the bench in their warm-up jerseys for the entire game, allowing the rest of the team a chance to develop and play together.

"I think all of my kids showed a class act tonight," Applebury said. "It was classy of our starters to step down and as for the seven girls that did play, I think they did a very good job. I think they did a good job of keeping this within limits, because this could have been extreme."

At the half the Eagles held a comfortable 48-22 advantage and their lead only grew in the second half. It was clear after halftime that Christendom had lost most of its energy, due in large part to the fact that the Crusaders only had nine players in uniform.

The Eagles ran the floor well and played unselfishly as teammates dished the ball to one another despite having open looks at the hoop. Not wanting to run Christendom into the ground any more than necessary, the Eagles ran down the shot clock almost every possession and focused on the basics of basketball.

To its credit, what Christendom lacked in skill and physical prowess it made up for in heart. The Crusaders were all smiles at the end of the game despite their near 60-point loss, and they hustled for loose balls even when the game's outcome was no longer in doubt.

"You don't want to completely blow them out of the water because they're nice kids and they played really hard, but at the same time you don't want to play down to their level," freshman Jessica Shifflett said.

Hickey agreed.

"We played a little different this game, but we still tried to play up to our potential today," she said.

The Eagles were led by Hickey, who had 22 points and 16 rebounds. Her presence down low was too much for underized Christendom to handle. Hickey was one of six Eagles who scored in double figures. Junior

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Hurd Hopes His Heel Has Healed

By AMANDA BURNHAM
Assistant Sports Editor

For senior Jon Hurd, four years of collegiate athletics is not nearly enough.

Hurd attended Christopher Newport University for his freshman and sophomore years of college where he was planning to major in health and physical education. He had two successful years playing baseball at CNU, then decided to transfer to Mary Washington College where he could join a thriving basketball program, as well as continue to play baseball.

"I wanted to be a high school P.E. teacher and basketball coach, but Mary Washington doesn't offer a physical education major, so I decided to be an English major instead," Hurd said. "I had two years of baseball eligibility left for me, but I wanted to play basketball, too."

Hurd was looking forward to playing two more years of baseball at the University of Mary Washington and his basketball career with the Eagles began successfully as well. The team won the Capital Athletic Conference championship in

his first season in 2003.

Hurd's athletic career at UMW was jeopardized this fall when he suffered an injury that required several stitches in his heel due to a cut from pieces of glass.

"At first the emergency room thought it was just a skin tear that wasn't very deep, but after a month it wasn't healing right, so I went to a different doctor and they found pieces of glass still in the Achilles tendon," Hurd said. "After that I had to have surgery and I knew that I was out for the season."

NCAA regulations have several restrictions for student athletes concerning their eligibility. Hurd is familiar with all of these restrictions and he has devised a way to work his class schedule that will allow him to play one more year of college basketball.

"I've got all the loopholes figured out, and I've got one more

year left," he said.

According to the NCAA regulations, Hurd had the option of red-shirting for the season, which would have allowed him to play next year. However, athletes are not given their red-shirt status until the springtime, well after the basketball season is over. Any other method of preserving Hurd's eligibility would have been safest due to the timing of the situation.

"To play basketball, you have to be a full-time student, according to the NCAA," Hurd said. "I'm only taking three classes, so I'm not a full-time student. This way I can still play next year."

The only initial concern with Hurd's decision to postpone his graduation for a year was whether or not one more year of collegiate basketball was worth it.

"I talked with coach [Rod] Wood about it, and he said he wants me back, so I'll come back,"



Senior Jon Hurd

Hurd said. "My parents reminded me that this is the only chance to play that I'll have, so I should go for it. They're behind me 100 percent."

With the support of his coach and his parents, Hurd will continue to play as long as possible.

"I'll be done with my English major requirements by the summertime, and technically I could graduate this summer, but I'm coming back to play since I have the chance," he said.

With his decision behind him, Hurd is looking forward to the upcoming year.

"This fall, being the only senior captain, I led work outs and stayed on as a manager," he said. "The team is young this year, but they have done really well."

Hurd has not yet fully recovered, but he is trying to get back in shape.

"I play intramural basketball now, but I've been playing like an old man," he joked. "I won't be back to 100 percent until the physical therapy is done in about April."

Hurd feels that he has made the right decision. "I just don't want to regret anything in the end," he said.

Upcoming Events

Feb. 12 - Baseball vs. Villa Julie, 12 p.m.
Men's Basketball vs. Salisbury, 2 p.m.
Women's Basketball vs. Salisbury, 4 p.m.

Feb. 16 - Women's Basketball vs. Marymount, 6 p.m.
Men's Basketball vs. Marymount, 8 p.m.



Athlete of the Week

Freshman Liz Hickey scored 22 points against Christendom College. Junior Laura Vigliotti added a career-high 20